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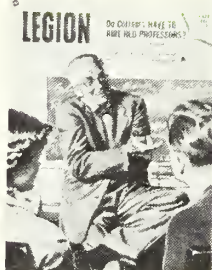
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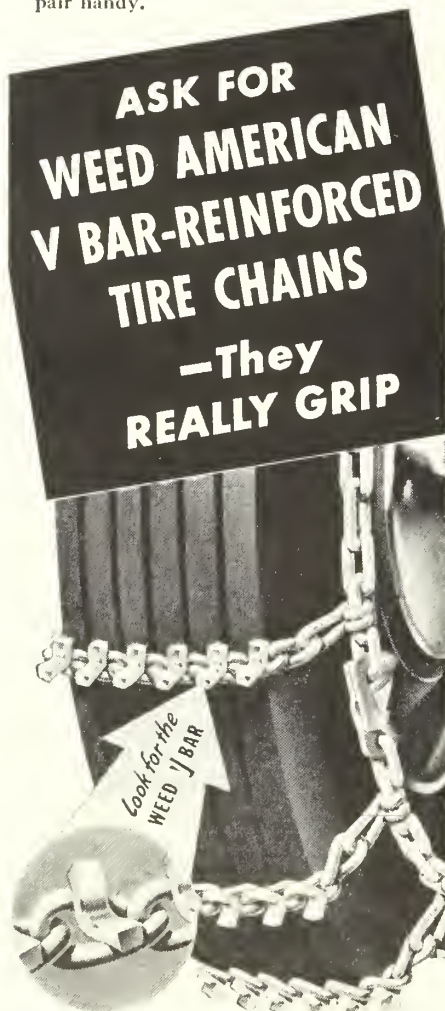
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BENEFITS AT 60

Sir: There is absolutely no excuse why anyone, male or female, over 40 and able and willing to work, should be denied a job on account of age. It is absolutely un-American. However, since a great number of firms have adopted this attitude, and I know this to be a fact, since I had the same trouble myself, I suggest that The American Legion fight at once to have the Social Security Law changed so that one can receive benefits at 60 years of age instead of 65.

David Caidin
New York City



SUGGESTION-OF-THE-MONTH

Sir: It is encouraging to see that you, at least, have awakened to the folly of spending billions to fight communism while carrying on a brisk import business with the same communist governments we are trying to defeat. But how can buyers be expected to track down the source of articles they want to purchase? Here is a practical answer to the problem: Our friends are forced to label their manufactured products "Made in Occupied Japan," or "Made in Occupied Germany." Make our enemies do the same, requiring them to stamp their products indelibly with the hammer and sickle and the words "Communist Made." When the commies are required to plainly mark their products as enemy-made they will have damned little chance to trade them for good American dollars.

Harold D. Harby
Los Angeles

▼ An orchid to Mr. Harby for his suggestion. We hope our State Department will follow it. *Editors*

HOW DARE LYONS!

Sir: It is indeed a sad affair when a magazine such as yours would identify itself with such a slanderous and un-American article as that written by Eugene Lyons, entitled *Our New Privileged Class*. It is indeed an obvious political stunt timed to appear as The American Legion and similar organizations are considering resolutions formerly (sic) criticizing Secretary of State Dean Acheson. Mr. Lyons has the audacity to suggest that such eminent foes of Russian imperialistic communism such

as Dean Acheson, Owen Lattimore and John Service are communistically sympathetic. It would be proper if your magazine would print an article denying any part in such, and I repeat, a slanderous and un-American article. **Howard Y. Welch**
Philadelphia

CHEERS FOR LYONS

Sir: I have just finished one of the finest articles I have ever read on the communists. I hope you get a million letters like this or better. The only thing I didn't like about the article was that the end came too soon. I think it is the duty of every good American to thank Eugene Lyons and The American Legion for this article. An ex-GI who saw war at its worst.

Charles Glenn
Corsica, Pa.

IN DEFENSE OF THE ADL

Sir: I am writing to emphasize my feelings on the unfortunate charges made against the Anti-Defamation League by Eugene Lyons in his article in your September issue. I think that the Legion has made a mistake in lending its top publication for this attack on a reputable organization which is sponsored by the oldest Jewish service organization in the land, the B'nai B'rith. My interest stems from nearly two years of work and close association with the ADL and B'nai B'rith organizations and its personnel. Part of their public service in the immediate post-war era was to finance my speaking before hundreds of thousands of high-school age boys and girls on three points all of which they approved and frankly, suggested. The three points were: (1) Continue the unity of all races, colors and creeds which brought us the power to defeat our enemies in World War II. (2) Remember the thousands of wounded veterans still in the hospitals. (3) Make our country stay strong as a bulwark against the forces of totalitarianism (Communist Russia).

Harold Russell
Past National Commander
American Veterans of World War II
Boston

▼ Told that the ADL protested his article, Eugene Lyons said he was "astonished and baffled" at this criticism. Said Lyons: "There are just two mentions of the ADL, both factual: (1) That, like Better Business Bureaus, Friends of Democracy and other private groups, the ADL has exposed the misdoings of individuals in its particular area of operation. There is nothing derogatory in that reference. (2) That, upon for-

mation of the American Jewish League Against Communism, the ADL issued a blast against its director, Rabbi Schultz. That is a fact of record, which has been in print many times before. The organization is nowhere described as a commie front nor have I suggested that it is part of any movement to make martyrs of communists.

▼ The American Legion has no quarrel with the ADL. Indeed it has worked with it on Americanism projects. *Editors*



REBS AT LARGE

Sir: May I go on record as being opposed to a current fad in this part of the country; that of displaying the Flag of the Confederate States, the Stars and Bars, from radiator caps, fender-guards and antennae of automobiles. I have been particularly irked at seeing replicas of this flag flown on more than one occasion ABOVE our own Stars and Stripes.

J. D. Beckwith
Little Falls, New Jersey

▼ We have a sneaking hunch that most of the ersatz Jersey rebs have never been south of Trenton. *Editors*

CORRECTION FROM THE SKIPPER

Sir: In your August issue I noticed in the article by James H. Winchester entitled *The Ship the Nazis Had to Get*, that when the S.S. *Fairport* was torpedoed in 1942, the author states that most of the crew was lost. I being the Master of the S.S. *Fairport* at that time, I wish to state there was no one lost or seriously injured. Even the cat was saved.

George S. Hancock
Myrtle Grove, Fla.

▼ Records of the Maritime Administration show that the article was wrong: "The *Fairport*, operated by the Waterman Steamship Lines was torpedoed twice, but all hands including 43 merchant seamen, 14 gun crew members and 66 personnel, were saved." No word about the cat. *Editors*

A BANKER'S OPINION

Sir: You performed a public service when you printed Berton Braley's article — *Need Money?* In an otherwise commendable appeal for sanity in borrowing, it was unfortunate that Mr. Braley did not use in his tables of bank loans a rate more generally used throughout the country rather than the minimum rate charged by a few large-city banks. Probably a rate of 5-6% (including insurance) would have been more nearly realistic.

R. H. Marshall
Vice President
Holyoke (Mass.) Nat'l Bank

A FINANCE MAN'S OPINION

Sir: The article written by Berton Braley titled *Need Money?* was certainly uncalled for. Since this article was so far out of

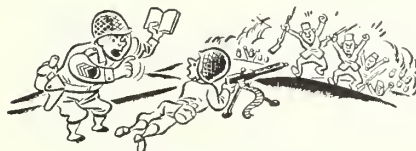
line in stating untrue statements, exaggerations, I will be looking forward to your magazine offering an apology to the reliable finance organizations in the United States, of which there are a great many. It is true that there are some small loan companies that probably merit this. But it definitely should be broken down and discriminated between the loan sharks and the reliable finance companies. My suggestion would be to make a check of the regular finance industry and print an article showing the true story about the finance industry. Undoubtedly you will hear from the American Finance Conference about this article and it would be very worthwhile to your magazine to print their side of the argument.

Bob Anderson
Loveland, Colo.

MATTER OF INFORMATION

Sir: The article in your August issue on securing small loans from banks probably brought you some angry protests from the finance company people, but I want you to know that I admire your courage in printing it as a matter of information for veterans. Also, it should be said that I am not a banker or bank employee and own no bank stock.

M. M. Carothers
Columbus, Ohio



FORGOT HIS LESSON

Sir: In *Report from Korea* in your September issue one of the photographs shows a GI firing cross fire with his rifle. Do they teach cross fire or is he just firing from this position because it's handier under the circumstances?

G. Thistlethwaite
Sheridan, Ind.

▼ In all likelihood the sergeant wasn't around, only a few commies, so the GI felt it would be safe to follow this dangerous practice. *Editors*

WORTH 10,000 WORDS

Sir: A salute to the illustrator who did the cover page for the September issue. He depicts a striking condemnation of our asinine coddling of such traitorous marchers. The police officer portrayal is masterful. As I study the officer's expression, I wonder if he isn't standing where he can see the Statue of Liberty. And, standing there looking at the tragically abused Lady, if he isn't thinking as he gnashes his well disciplined teeth, and forced to take the insults of those pampered punks back of him—if he isn't thinking, "How much more of this chiseling away at her can she take, Oh God, before falling backwards and crushing America?" By the way, who is the artist? It appears that such outstanding artistry merits identity.

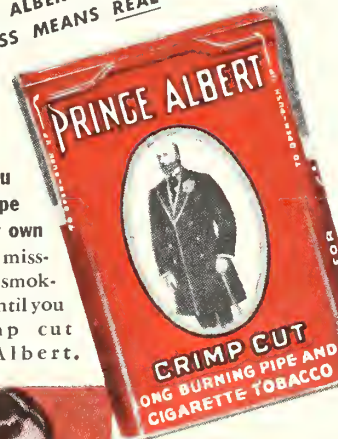
Daniel D. Coons
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▼ The artist is John R. McDermott, whose work graces our pages on frequent occasions. *Editors*



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THE Editor's Corner

CAMPUS COMMIES

We are well aware that the article on page 11, *Do Colleges Have to Hire Red Professors?* is going to bring us mail from assorted specimens who will read into it that The American Legion opposes academic freedom and even education. That isn't so, of course, but the Legion certainly opposes the commies who feel they have a license to preach Stalinism to our children. And in case you think we are exaggerating, following is a tabulation which is interesting. Showing the professional background of the top 100 commie frontiers in this country, each of whom has been affiliated with 20 or more fronts, it shows the profs well out in front.

Professors	23
Writers	16
Actors and producers	9
Clergymen	8
Lawyers	8
Labor leaders	7
Musicians	6
Idle rich	5
Editors	5
Office holders	4
Radio broadcasters	4

It is interesting to note, too, that there are five times as many "idle rich" as there are workers in this movement for "the working class." Probably the commie party is too rich for the blood of decent, hard working Americans.

DONALD DEPARTS

A few weeks ago the papers carried a front page story telling that one Donald Angus Cameron, editor in chief of the book publishing firm of Little, Brown & Co., had resigned following his identification before a Senate committee as a communist. Readers of *The American Legion Magazine* were told about this fellow months ago, in the article *Why You Buy Books That Sell Communism*. Now we wonder what Little, Brown intends to do with Edwin Seaver, mentioned in the same article as having gone with that company after having served an apprenticeship on the *Daily Worker*, *New Masses*, *Soviet Russia Today*, etc.

INTERESTED IN LECTURES?

We keep hearing from people who go to lectures and hear strange plugs for comic causes and Krenilinites. This situation has existed for a long time and in a future issue we intend to expose the manner in which the lecture platform has been exploited by those who are trying to promote a totalitarian America, communist or otherwise. And don't think that these subversives don't hit the small towns. It will be worth your while to take an interest in the people who are booked into your community to lecture. If they are people who have been

identified with subversive movements, find out who in your community is responsible for inviting them. If they are people on our side, be sure you attend their lectures and get as many others to attend as you possibly can. Among the people you should be listening to are such top-notchers as Freda Utley, Irene Kuhn, J. A. Marcus, Henry C. Wolfe, John T. Flynn, William L. White and Charles Yale Harrison. With any of these as a starter you can organize an entire pro-American lecture series.

LESSON IN LOGIC

In her newspaper column *My Day* for September 4th, Eleanor Roosevelt wrote: "For instance, I have been told that, in Communist China, the government, which under the old regime was always corrupt, is now practically honest. But I wonder if that makes up for the purges that have been killing so many people . . ."

This inspired one of our readers to send us the following which he insists is exactly the same sort of reasoning:

"For instance, as I learned at college, and as everyone knows, black used to be white, but now, thanks to science, white is black. Still, it is unfortunate that so many people get killed when they cross streets against a red light."

MINIMIZING TREASON

There's a new propaganda twist concerning Alger Hiss. Unable to deny further that Hiss was guilty, since he's now in durance vile, his highly placed apologists are currently insisting that he wasn't very important and his influence wasn't felt at Yalta, Potsdam and way stations where our country was sold down the river. If you want a different slant on that, you'll find it in Edward R. Stettinius's book in which he attempts to justify Yalta. Alger is depicted as a pretty big wheel in American diplomacy.

Discussing this, a man once high in U. S. diplomatic circles, with the rank of Ambassador, recently told us: "Hiss's importance, or position, in the U. S. State Department is proved by the fact that he was the negotiator with *top* British and Soviet statesmen. Even I, an Ambassador, wasn't empowered to negotiate on that level." So, from this it appears that our most notorious jailbird was really a pretty potent gent, despite the efforts of certain propagandists to convince you that he was only waiting for a streetcar at Yalta.

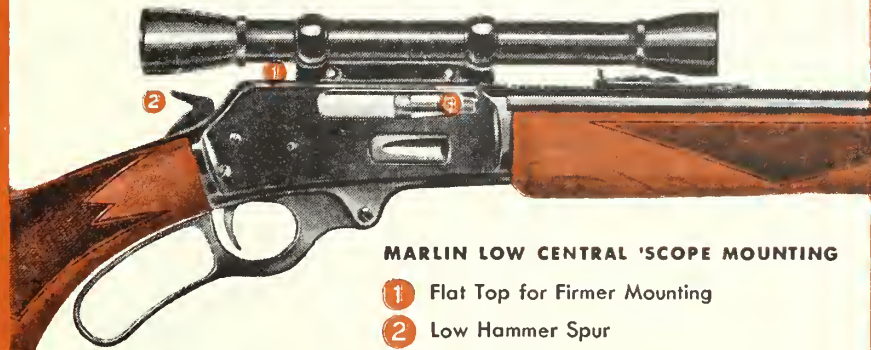
THAT SEPTEMBER COVER

We've had a few letters concerning our September cover, which showed some of the mental midgets who annually traipse New York City's streets on May Day to show their love for Stalin. For the most part the letter writers commended the cover, recognizing it for what it was. A few, however, thought the cover gave the commies a favorable aspect by stressing the civil liberty signs. Well, that's the way it was. The drawing was based on actual news photographs, and civil liberties placards were much in evidence. But so were peace signs, and we all know how much the communists really think of that too.

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For Phones in Dark Corners

A luminous telephone dial, whose letters and numbers glow brightly in the dark, can now be obtained for \$1.49. Made of two plastic halves which quickly lock into place between the dial rotary and dial face of standard dial phones, the item is quickly installed. Called "Glo-Dile," the gadget is made by the Glo-Dile Co., 216 N. Cordova St., Burbank, Calif.



Hold That Shine!

A liquid which seals the gleam on silver, brass, gold, copper and other metal surfaces is being made by The Merchants Chemical Co., Elm Court, Stamford, Conn. Called Silverite, the transparent coating is based on Vinylite resins. To use, it is merely brushed on with light strokes and allowed to dry. According to the manufacturer it will safeguard the luster of metal surfaces indefinitely, resisting fumes, salt air, perspiration, alcohol, most acids and alkalis. To remove, the film is broken with a toothpick or fingernail, and peeled off. The price is \$1.00 a bottle, at department, jewelry and house furnishing stores.

Step-Saver

You can save yourself the trouble of hurrying to the faucet to turn off the water when you are using a garden hose, thanks to a new cut-off valve being offered by the Drumcliff Co., Towson, Md. The valve is inserted between the hose and the sprinkling unit, and gives quick control of the flow of water where you want it. Made of rust-proof materials, it is machined so it is leak-proof and long-lasting, and it will fit all standard garden hose. The price is \$1.00 prepaid.

Encyclopedia for the Woodworker

Anyone who works with wood will be interested in the information contained in a

device being offered by the Greenlee Tool Co., Rockford, Ill., called the Calculator. Selling for only 25¢ postpaid, it consists of numerous tables printed in colors on heavily varnished cardboard, six inches in diameter. To get such information as the characteristics of woods, nail and screw sizes, drill sizes for screws, and so on, you just turn certain dials. It even informs you how much paint you'll need on certain jobs, how to make concrete and mortar mixes, and how to grind tools.

Low-Cost Photos

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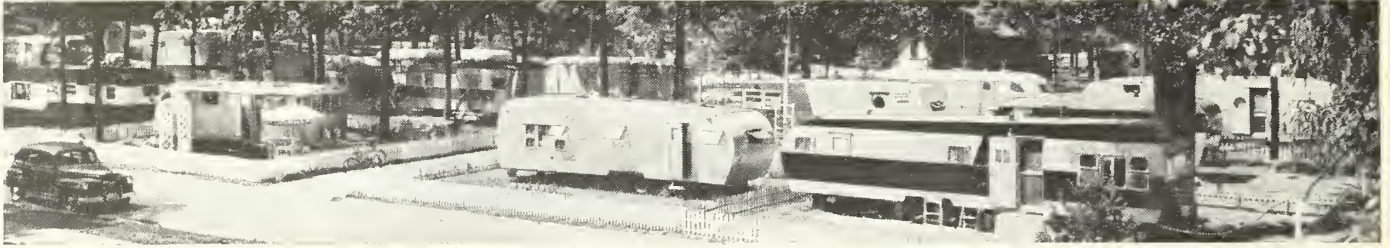
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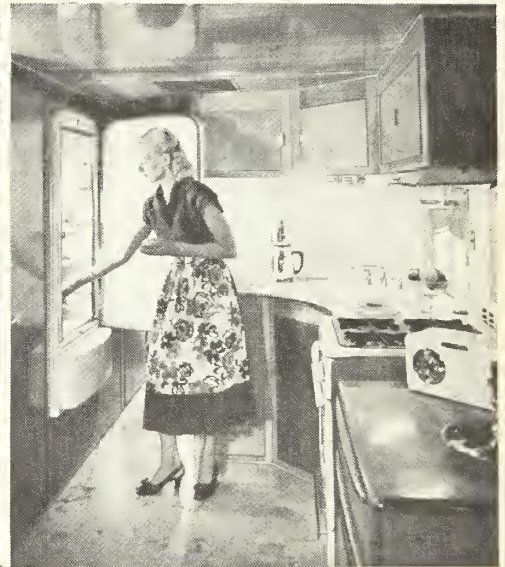
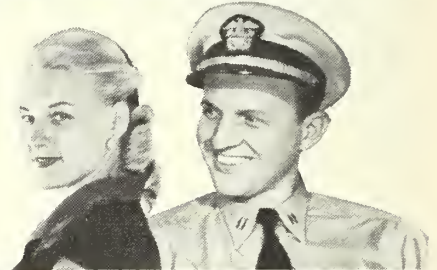
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DO COLLEGES HAVE TO HIRE RED PROFESSORS ?

Uncover a red doing his stuff on a college faculty and a hue and cry is raised over "academic freedom," as though these people had a God-given right to infect our children with their made-in-Moscow virus.

By LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ

SEVERAL DISTURBED parents have recently asked me about the talk of red infiltration in the colleges. With the new school season now under way, they are concerned lest their sons and daughters come under influences that will turn them into communists or pinkos.

One man, almost distraught, remarked that "even at Columbia" a member of the faculty, Dr. Lyman K. Bradley, had chosen to go to jail for the communist cause. Another cited the case of Dr. Clarence Hiskey, associate professor at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, who refused to tell a Congressional Committee whether or not he had given atomic secrets to Arthur Adams, Soviet espionage agent. Hiskey's refusal was upheld by a federal court on the ground that it might tend to incriminate him, and he is teaching again at Brooklyn as though he had been thoroughly vindicated. A third parent, whose son is going to Harvard, was perturbed "at the long list of faculty members there who are consistent members of communist fronts."



More than one parent has been disturbed to find college-going sons and daughters imbued with communist thinking.

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Do Colleges Have to Hire Red Professors?

Even in the middle west, I was queried about the prominence of Dr. A. J. Carlson of the University of Chicago in sponsoring the communist-created Stockholm Peace Appeal and the big part played by several other faculty members of that institution in the red-initiated Mid-Century Conference for Peace a year ago.

Adding to parental confusion on the other side of the ledger, was the series of articles in the *New York Times* last spring indicating that there was a grow-

ing fear on the campuses of being able to say anything in favor of ideas that might be considered communist. Featured in this series was the statement by President Harold Taylor of Sarah Lawrence College that students were intimidated into silence on opinions that might be labeled red. Dr. Taylor was not so eloquent in his expression of horror when one of his prize students went directly from Sarah Lawrence to the Tass news agency, controlled by the Soviet government and first-line espi-



onage organization for the Kremlin. Nor did he wax so indignant when a representative of the college student council became so strident in defense of the communists before the Yonkers City Council as to arouse the anger of that city's veterans.

Now what are the facts of life in regard to the colleges which every parent has to realize? As one who participated in the communist conspiracy I can say that they are two-fold. We must first recognize, in order not to get into a panic, that the overwhelming majority of our educators are patriotic and desirous of serving America. Sometimes in their educational organizations, they are too easily buffaloeed by the communists with the cry of "academic freedom," not realizing fully that all reds are under direct instructions and serve as soldiers in an invading army. But when we consider the comparatively modest remuneration they receive for the important services they perform, we can pay a tribute to their devotion to the United States.

But the second reality is this: That there is a strong, aggressive, and growing minority among our educators who are committed to the communist cause and who serve repeatedly on communist-front organizations. What is more to the point, they are well organized, function secretly, and have influence far beyond their numbers. How far the communists have gone in this field is shown by the unusual method used at the Fifteenth National Convention of the Communist Party to hail certain professors, and particularly scientists, for their service to "the cause of peace" as directed by Stalin.

We should understand that this "cause of peace" as peddled by the reds is the destruction of the government of the United States. It is in the name of that "cause" that they declare arrogantly their intention of trying Generals MacArthur and Ridgway and our GI's in Korea as war criminals, when they get their hands on them. It is therefore most enlightening for all parents and patriots to know that in the printed proceedings of the Fifteenth National Convention of the Communist Party, the following educators and scientists are singled out for praise as opposing American imperialism: Linus C.

Pauling, head of the chemistry division of the California Institute of Technology; Dr. Harlow Shapley, astronomer, of Harvard University; Dr. Kirtley Mather of Harvard University; Dr. Anton J. Carlson of the University of Chicago; Dr. Philip Morrison of Cornell University and Dr. Dirk Struik of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In case anyone wishes to satisfy himself on this, he will find the red citation of honor for these men on page 208 of *Political Affairs*, the official theoretical organ of the communist party, for February 1951.

Every one of these men had won this open praise by the Soviet fifth column through long service in the pro-communist cause. Dirk J. Struik, for instance, is notorious in his red sympathies, having served on thirty communist-front organizations. So it goes to a greater or less degree with the others, Dr. Shapley having served on twenty communist fronts. And we Americans can no longer afford to have any illusions about communist-front organizations; they are serving Stalin's cause as effectively as the communist party itself, poisoning the wells of American public opinion. That is their purpose.

As to Dr. Pauling, not only has he been faithful as a sponsor and member of many of these fronts; in the spring he also was supposed to speak at the University of Hawaii, just at the time that Harry Bridges was solidifying his infiltration of the Key to the Pacific by the national convention of his red-ruled union in the Islands. Pauling's record being disclosed, the invitation was withdrawn by the University; but he went out there anyway to spread Stalin's views of "peace" among the students of that institution. He deserves the laurels he has received from the communists, and the fact that he is an atomic physicist in one of our leading universities on the west coast is something to think over seriously. The recent condemnation by Moscow of Dr. Pauling's celebrated "resonance theory" in chemistry does not seem to have dimmed his ardor on behalf of Stalinite causes.

A parent who is thinking of sending his child to study science under any of these men certainly has cause for alarm. Why did the communist party after all take such an arrogant step as to cite

these scientists for their services? I know the reason well, from my experiences in the communist conspiracy. I wrote about it in my book, *Men Without Faces*. Referring to Dr. Harlow Shapley, I stated: "Shapley's association with communist fronts has been of value to the party in an insidious way. Men like Steve Nelson (Soviet espionage agent) lost no time in making use of it to win youthful scientists to the same or similar red fronts and then to sympathy with the party. This has been the introduction in some instances to more serious underground work for the communist cause."

With a shock being felt among our scientists through the disclosure that the Rosenbergs and Sobels, devoted to the communist cause, were espionage agents, the Soviet fifth column has to go to further extremes in recruiting new sympathizers and spies in this field. The pro-communist professor is one of the most fruitful sources of such recruitment, either directly or indirectly. We observe how Dr. Philip Morrison, on the reds' honor roll, influenced numbers of his students at Cornell to participate in the seditious "American Peace Crusade" this past spring. Unless we appreciate that Dr. Morrison's name is being used by the communists to enlist more Rosenbergs and Sobels, we do not understand the ABC's of national security.

Parents have a right to weigh carefully what they should do about the faculty influences which will play upon their children, when these realities are considered. We seem to have lost some sense of proportion in this matter, as in so many other fields of activity against subversion in the United States. The man who commits espionage in wartime is given a death sentence, and that undoubtedly is in accordance with his deserts, despite the outcries of the *Daily Worker* that the whole Rosenberg-Sobel case was a frame-up to hide "American imperialist aggression." Those who breed the espionage agents, however, are not only undisturbed in our educational institutions; they even occupy posts of honor, from which their evil influence on American youth may be intensified.

Today this country, and with American parents taking the lead, must take stock quickly (*Continued on page 40*)



They found Abbie Denning in her trailer near the sound stage. She looked coldly at Mr. Pulver.

Sergeant Gillis was put on display as a crippled hero, but he soon learned that the people who needed pity were those with fame and fortune.

By FREDERICK HAZLITT BRENNAN

OH, SERGEANT GILLIS, you lucky boy! (*the Red Cross lady said.*) To be chosen by Ted Pulver as his first hero of the week, all that publicity in his column and on his TV show; remind him that you're to put in a plug for the Blood Bank.

"Yes'm," Sergeant Gillis said.

Speaking unofficially, Ken (*the Marine public relations officer said*) you can do the Corps a lot of good, and that's why Washington cleared you for a TV interview. Pulver has a big national audience, so get in there and make a real pitch, tell 'em how the Marines have been fighting.

"Yessir," Sergeant Gillis said.

Boy, are you having it good! (*the guys in the bone ward at Marine Hospital said.*) A free trip to Hollywood, meeting movie dames, getting on TV, big-time stuff, kid. Scram outa here, Gillis, we hate you.

"Okay, I'm leavin'," Sergeant Gillis said.

But he hadn't wanted to go; that hero-of-the-week deal sounded corny. He knew what the gang in Korea would say, if they heard about it. Besides, he still felt sick. The bayonet wound in his left thigh had cause muscular atrophy, and what the medics called "nerve insult" made his leg hurt no matter how carefully he dragged it. The feeling of sickness, he told himself, was all due to this crippled leg—a physical pain that kept his stomach upset and his nerves twitchy.

Now Sergeant Gillis sat on a brown leather divan in a movie studio reception room waiting for Mr. Pulver. A colored chauffeur in a Cadillac had picked him up at the hospital. Sergeant Gillis had answered many questions about the Negro outfits in Korea, but had learned very little about Mr. Pulver or what would be expected of him. It developed

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that the chauffeur and car had been donated by a Beverly Hills auto agency.

"Next to Miss Parsons and Miss Hedda Hopper, I guess Mr. Pulver has about the biggest pull in town," the chauffeur said. "You don't need to worry none about Mr. Pulver, he treat you just fine."

Nonetheless, Sergeant Gillis was worried. A westerning California sun poured heat through white venetian blinds. The boy sweated clammy from weakness; he knew he looked thin and pale, that his garrison green uniform was too loose-fitting, that the hospital cane which he had hid beneath the divan could not be left there. He would need it. And he shouldn't have let them talk him into...

"—and don't give me that, Claire promised—"

"She's sick, Ted. She's got the flu—"

"Blaahh! She was feeling fine at the Mocambo last night."

"Oh, was she at the Mocambo?"

"I saw her there. And she's not going to get away with this. Wait till she reads—ah, here we are!—Sergeant Gillis?"



He poked Willie in the throat with his cane. The blow seemed casual.

"Yessir—"

Mr. Pulver gave the boy a firm but hasty handshake.

"Sergeant—Jimmy Elkins. He's the studio publicity man."

"Hi—glad to know you."

"Thanks. Glad to know you, Sergeant."

Immediately Mr. Pulver and Mr. Elkins resumed their dispute.

"If you think this is going to look good for Claire and the studio, okay by me," Mr. Pulver said. "She made a date with this boy and stood him up. If that's good public relations, okay by me."

"Aw now, Ted, be fair—," Mr. Elkins said, "We got you Abbie Denning. She's on the set and—"

"Denning ain't Claire Hartnell."

"I know, but will you please be fair—"

"Sure, I'll be fair. Get on the phone and tell Hartnell to meet us at Romanoff's like she promised. If she gives you any argument—ask her for me how she'd like to see the story in print."

"Okay, okay. I'll call her."

Mr. Elkins hurried out and Mr. Pulver turned back to Sergeant Gillis.

"How do you like that, chum?" he said. "Claire Hartnell doesn't want to be bothered with us. Makes you feel a little sick to your stomach, huh?"

The boy looked at Mr. Pulver uncertainly. Mr. Pulver was a middle-sized, handsome man with a bitter face. His graying mustache underlined the habitually scornful expression of bold dark eyes and heavy brows. Mr. Pulver's black hair had a vague middle-part and was worn longish; it gave him a shagginess that matched his costly gray tweed suit. He had a good voice-of-command, Sergeant Gillis noted, and the way he told off Mr. Elkins was impressive, even a bit alarming.

"Well—maybe Miss Hartnell has reasons," the boy said politely. "This is all pretty new to me, I guess."

Mr. Pulver grunted, still angry.

"She's no good," he said. "She ratted on the USO last time. Scared to ride in airplanes. Well—let's go and see Abbie."

The boy bent painfully to pick up his cane. Mr. Pulver looked at the ribbons on Sergeant Gillis' blouse: the Silver Star, Navy Cross, ETO and Pacific with battle clusters, the Purple Heart.

"Where you live, chum?"

"Stuttgart, Arkansas."

"Knew it was somewhere south. You did your share last time. How come you got stuck with Korea?"

"I was in the Reserve."

"Lot of 'em got caught on that Reserve deal, huh?"

"Yessir, quite a few."

"How do you feel about that?"

"Well—I never gave it much thought, I don't guess. They said sign for the Reserve, you get out right away, so I reckon I'd have signed anything, just to get home."

Mr. Pulver glanced sidewise at Sergeant Gillis as they left the reception room.

"Pretty raw deal, wasn't it?" he said.

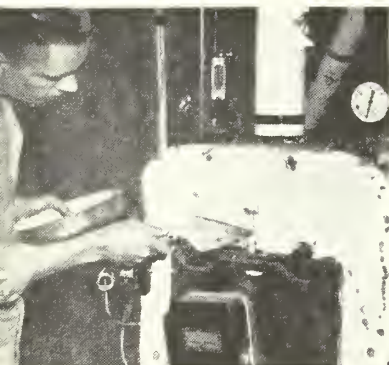
"Well, yessir, I guess it was, in a way," Sergeant Gillis said. "Only they didn't know we'd have to fight so soon again. They didn't know any more than us."

This answer didn't seem to satisfy Mr. Pulver, but he was busy leading Sergeant Gillis through a series of doors and past three studio policemen. By the time they had stepped into the studio lot—startlingly like (Continued on page 54)

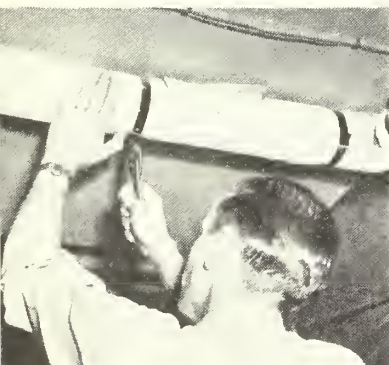
How to WINTERPROOF YOUR HOME

Twenty minutes spent on this article can save you big repair bills and give you a more comfortable house.

By ROBERT SCHARFF



Check the insulation around furnace boiler and repair any cracks that have appeared with asbestos cement.



Insulating pipes with asbestos covering will save heat in winter and prevent condensation in summer.



Check hot water for dirt and sediment. If excessive, drain the old water from tank and refill with clean.

WINTER is coming! The chances are you won't forget to winterize your car, but what about your home? Your house must battle the same elements as your car but has a good chance of losing, unless you winterproof it properly. And the only way to do this is by regular checkups and repairs.

To help keep your home in top shape, the pictures show the most vulnerable spots to inspect regularly. Most home repairs indicated below can be done by the average home-owner, if the troubles are discovered soon enough. If overlooked, however, they can quickly develop into expensive jobs that call for time, money, expert services and materials that are now becoming scarce.

1. FOUNDATION:

What To Look For: If the foundation walls are of solid concrete, they should be checked for cracks; if they are of unit masonry, the joints should be examined to see that no mortar is loose or has fallen out. Look for open joints between wood sills and foundation walls and around basement window frames. Check, too, condition of the frames for corrosion or rot.

Repair: Fill all small cracks with asphaltic cement. Large ones should be chipped out to a width of one-half inch or more and filled with a ready-mixed concrete patching mixture. Loose mortar should be removed as deeply as possible and the joint refilled with new mortar. Use calking compound in small cracks between walls and window frames. In case of corrosion of basement metal sash, sandpaper thoroughly and paint. Rotted frames should be promptly replaced. Grading around the foundation should be downward.

2. EXTERIOR WALLS:

What To Look For: On masonry, stone or brick finishes, search for cracks, broken brick or block, and loose mortar,

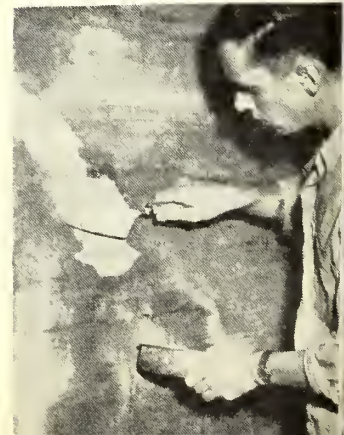
Squeaky stairs can be silenced by driving flooring nails into the joint of the riser and tread.



Before lighting a fire, clean out the flue and fire-box with vacuum cleaner attachments.



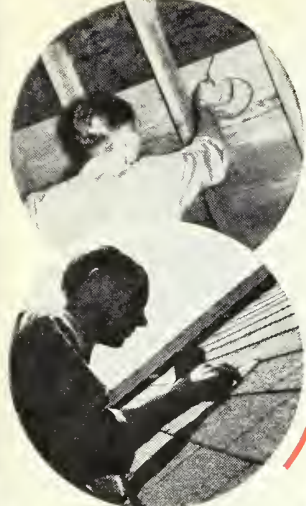
Repair basement cracks in same manner as above. A water-proofing mix should be applied over the



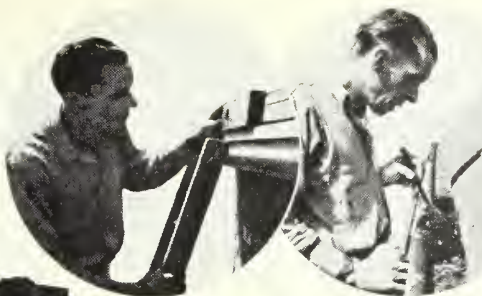
To make overhead garage doors run smoothly, apply oil to their tracks.



Foundation cracks should be fixed. Cut out crack and fill with patching concrete.



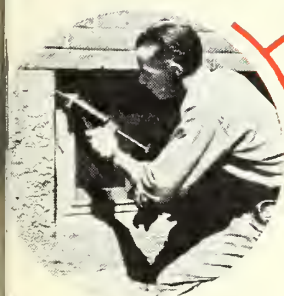
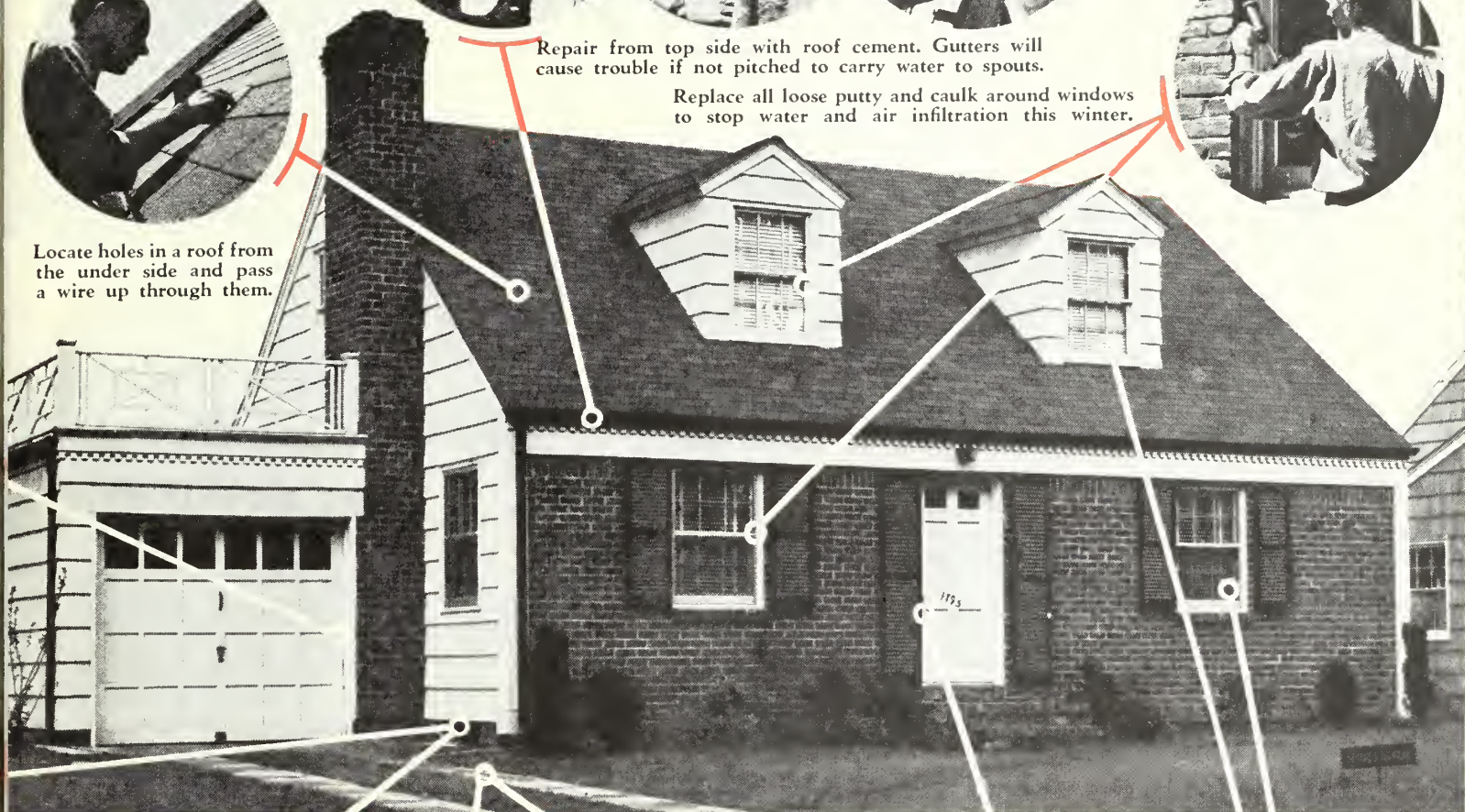
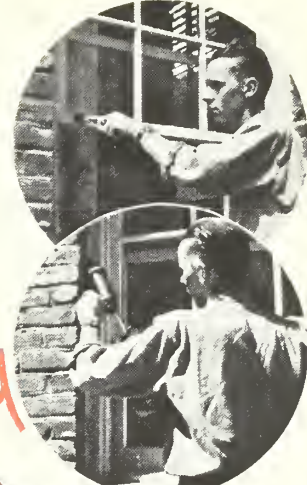
Locate holes in a roof from the under side and pass a wire up through them.



Repair from top side with roof cement. Gutters will cause trouble if not pitched to carry water to spouts.



Replace all loose putty and caulk around windows to stop water and air infiltration this winter.



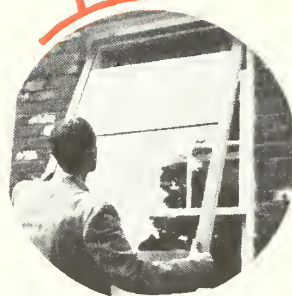
Check cellar windows and caulk them.



To repair cracks in walks and drives, cut out crack first with chisel and then fill in with patching concrete.



Tighten hinge screws of all doors at least twice a year.



Installing storm windows reduces condensation, saves heat.

especially around door and window openings. If the house is of frame construction, examine the siding or shingles for loose or decayed members. Also look at the condition of the paint. The principal signs of defects or deterioration in stucco are cracks and the chipping off or falling out of the stucco.

Repair: Repair masonry cracks and loose mortar as described for foundation. Warped, loose or broken shingles or siding should be renailed or replaced if badly damaged. Overlapping joints on clapboards should be sealed with

paint to prevent sucking in of rain water. Paint surfaces should be repainted if needed. Small stucco cracks can be repaired in the same manner as masonry cracks, but when detached they require replacing by an expert.

3. EXTERIOR TRIM:

What To Look For: Check for loose, warped, and rotted trim for here many troublesome leaks start. Search, too, for drawn nails and areas with lack of paint. Every joint should be examined for even the smallest cracks or openings

will eventually permit water to seep in.

Repair: Renail loose trim where required, being sure to set and putty each nail. Rotted members should be promptly replaced. Loose or rusted nails should be replaced, set and puttied. If cracks are too small for calking, seal them with paint. It is a good idea to paint the complete trim of your house every two years.

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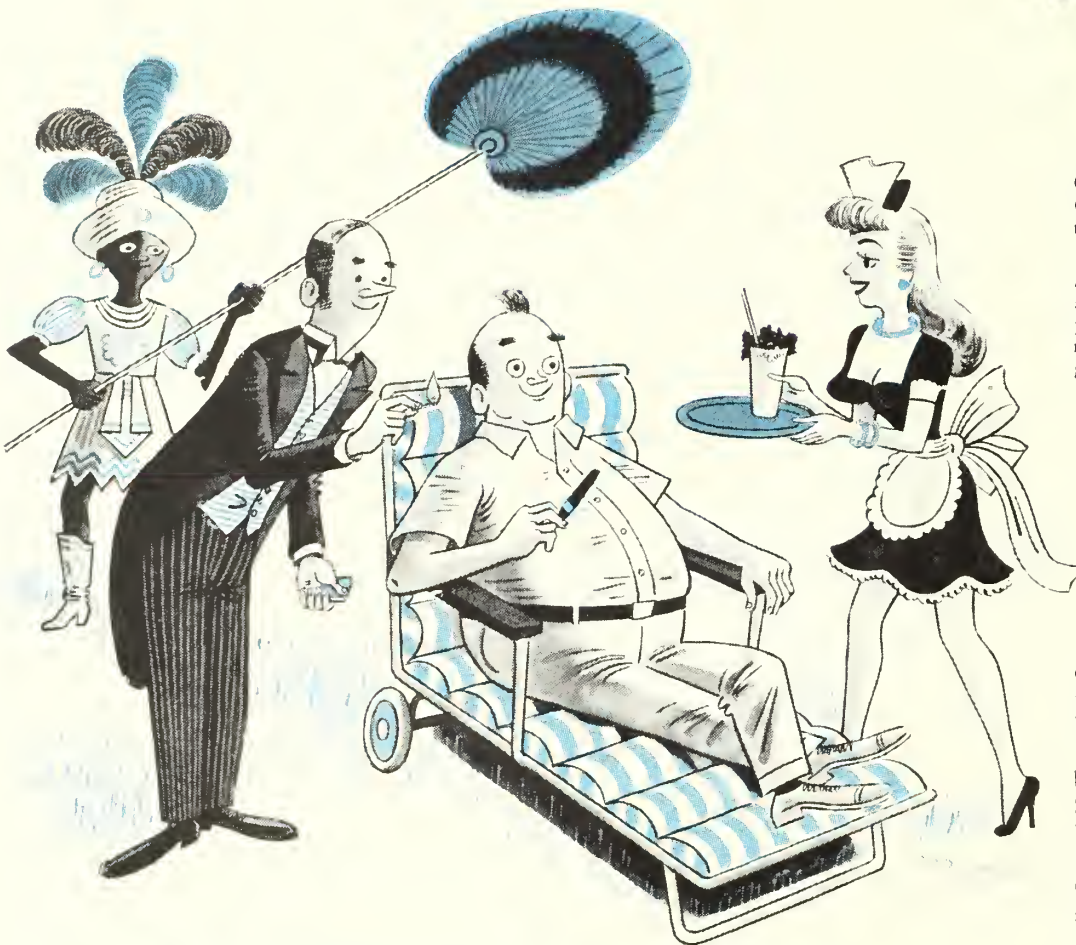
What To Look For: Go over the entire roof, (Continued on page 27)

Can you RETIRE RESPECTABLY WITH YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY?



Q. Must you be **DOWN AND OUT** to draw Social Security retirement money when you reach 65?

A. Far from it. Experts suspect that a higher percentage of high-income people draw Social Security retirement at 65 than any other income group.



By **WALTER ROSS** and **J. K. LASSER**

When you are 65, Social Security benefits can be worth \$\$\$\$ to you, but you can lose them by letting the rest of your retirement plans slide now — no matter how young you are.

This is probably the first article on Social Security you've ever read which does not have a lot of numbers and arithmetic in it.

The reason we left them out is that the Social Security field offices conveniently located around the country are staffed with people who are only too happy to explain to you how your benefits will be figured; or, if you are ready to claim benefits, to tell you how much.

You can't know exactly until then. Social Security field workers are, without doubt, the most amiable and efficient group of bureaucrats you'll ever meet.

With a nest egg of around \$14 billion which is growing every day, the Social Security people are anxious to give each his due.

They don't work on quotas or commissions — they don't get a bonus for

doing you out of money. There are no unfavorable comparisons between one office and another — no bureaucrat to point the finger at Chicago or Philadelphia or L.A. because they might be paying out more cash than Pittsburgh or Detroit or New York.

The whole thing is determined by law and it's up to the Social Security people to give you the best break you have coming.

Lots of folks don't believe this. One man, for instance, went shopping around New York's five boroughs (there are Social Security field offices in many parts of the city) and in each one he asked what benefits he might expect. When he turned up in the fifth office and asked his question and got his answer, he said, "They'll pay more in Brooklyn."

The Social Security field man said, "That's impossible."

His visitor was stubborn. "I can get \$5 a month more in Brooklyn," he insisted. "Why should I come here?"

"The benefits are exactly the same wherever you go," the field man said. "Look, let's go over your figures again."

The skeptic shook his head. "Nah," he said, "I was just trying you out. All you guys give me the same answer. Maybe it's true."

Hundreds of people try this all the time, but they still get courteous treatment — and the same set of figures.

There are death benefits for widows under Social Security, but this article



Q. If you are covered by Social Security when you reach 65, HOW MUCH can you draw by retiring?

A. When the new law is fully in effect the range will be between \$20 a month for a single person with the least coverage and \$160 a month for a couple over 65 with the most coverage. The exact amount cannot be figured until you reach retirement age, for it depends on how much you earned for how long right up to that time. Couples today average benefits of \$69 a month, and the average will go up.

is about retiring. Nobody is ever going to get rich from Social Security, and many wonder if it is of much value as a retirement benefit unless you are flat broke when you run out of gas.

Ask the Social Security people, "Can I retire *respectably* on my Social Security?" and they'll give you a qualified yes.

You have a better chance to retire respectably on your Social Security; they'll point out, if you prepare for it now. Some people, by good planning, live pretty much as before in retirement, with the help of Social Security. Others swing it by moving to a cheaper neighborhood. Owning your own home by age 65 helps. Some people leave the country to live more cheaply abroad on Social Security retirement.

Not all of these qualifications apply in every case, of course, but many of them do.

What, for instance, do you need to live on? Obviously a great deal more in a rented home on Park Avenue, Lake Shore Drive, or in Beverly Hills than in a rented farmhouse in Vermont, Arkansas, or Montana.

Supposing an average man and his wife become 65 and he is fully insured. Their benefit will depend on how long he was covered by Social Security, and how much he earned during that time.

The top retirement benefit possible for most couples from Social Security will be \$120 a month after July 1, 1952.

Now it is less. Most people will not draw the highest amount. Chances are *you* will get less than \$120 a month. In fact, when you are 65 the most you could possibly draw would be \$80 a month until your wife is 65 too. Then, if you had the top coverage, she could draw an extra \$40 a month.

A wife over 65 draws half her husband's benefit. If *she* is covered by Social Security herself she can take which-

to retire if you will leave the big town.

Or, as some do, you can live abroad. There is hardly a nation in the free world that doesn't have its share of Americans who've retired and gone to live on their Social Security dollars—where dollars are worth more than they are here. A Social Security field director told us, "There are dozens of countries where a couple can stretch the average (Continued on page 49)



Q. Must you RETIRE at 65 in order to draw Social Security income at that age?

A. Most people have to quit most work. You cannot earn more than \$50 a month in work covered by Social Security and draw retirement benefits at the same time—until you are 75. But there is no such restriction on any other sort of income, or on the amount of property you own.

ever entitlement is the larger—her own insurance or her due as the over-65 wife of an insured worker. Thus, starting next July, a man and wife with top coverage for both, as insured workers, could draw two \$80 benefits, or \$160 a month. Most couples will draw less than half this amount.

Some town dwellers retire on less than the top money by moving to the country. If you're healthy enough to stand country life—and most 65-year-olds are spryer than you'd suspect—you can rent a small house in a rural area for little money. Food's cheaper in the country, too, and you can raise a lot of it yourself. And even though you're retired, there's no reason why you and your wife can't have a hobby that pays a small income when you care to work at it. Such as painting greeting cards or mending bicycles or raising chickens or making hooked rugs. But, depending on the size of your Social Security benefit, you may well be able

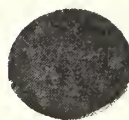


Q. What GOOD is Social Security to the average man at 65 who cannot live on his Social Security alone, yet loses it if he works for more than \$50 a month?

A. It can be plenty good IF you take the Social Security rules into consideration and plan your retirement in advance. Read this article to see why and how.

A .22 cartridge, selling for a penny and a fraction, represents phenomenal value in workmanship and material.

CASE OPERATIONS



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DRAWN SHELL



CUT OFF SHELL

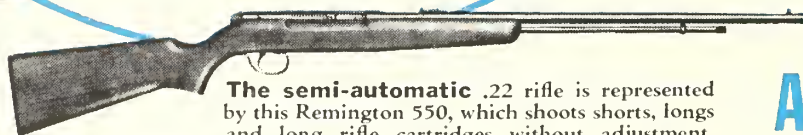


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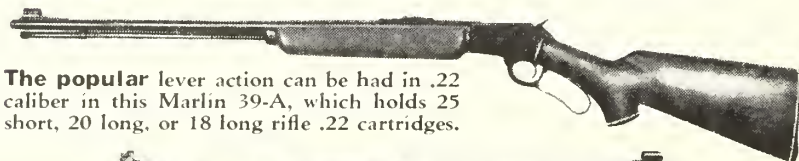
THE MIGHTY .22

This potent little cartridge is all-important in our defense, and of particular interest to all Legionnaires.

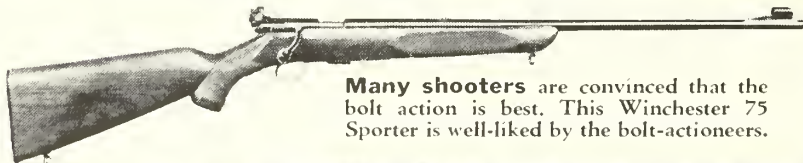
By **WALTER H. B. SMITH**



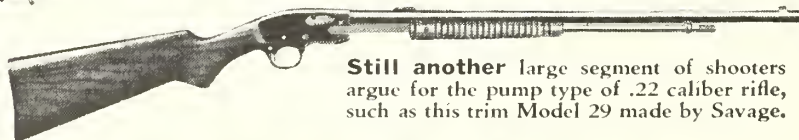
The semi-automatic .22 rifle is represented by this Remington 550, which shoots shorts, longs and long rifle cartridges without adjustment.



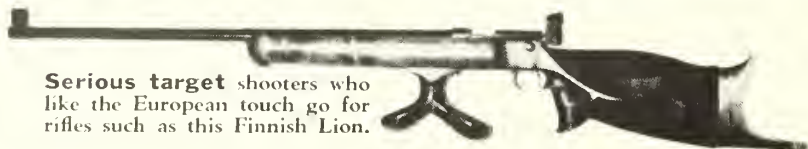
The popular lever action can be had in .22 caliber in this Marlin 39-A, which holds 25 short, 20 long, or 18 long rifle .22 cartridges.



Many shooters are convinced that the bolt action is best. This Winchester 75 Sporter is well-liked by the bolt-actioners.



Still another large segment of shooters argue for the pump type of .22 caliber rifle, such as this trim Model 29 made by Savage.



Serious target shooters who like the European touch go for rifles such as this Finnish Lion.

According to Army draft statistics, fewer than 2 percent of all draftees in World War II had ever handled a rifle before entry into the service!

This hardly jibes with America's cocky notion that every man in the United States is another Daniel Boone born with a gun in his hand. Back in '76, as every schoolboy knows, this conception was pretty accurate. Our New England farmers firing flintlocks from behind farmyard walls raised merry hell with the best of the King's Men. Today we have the potential for such a minuteman force and with the threat of more than a "police action" hanging over us, the Legion and other groups such as the National Rifle Association are anxious to get a program underway. Fortunately it can be done at no huge cost in money or materials.

Little Switzerland provides a working example of what we can do in this country. With about 3 percent of our population, she qualifies, each year,

BULLET OPERATIONS



EXTRUDED,
CUT OFF
AND TURNED
LEAD SLUG

SWAGED
BULLET

ASSEMBLED
CARTRIDGE

CRIMPED
AND COM-
PLETED
CARTRIDGE



The .22 rifle is widely used as a sporting weapon, particularly against pests that harm crops and game.

500,000 individual riflemen with Army rifles, a number greater than that of the entire shooting membership of all the rifle clubs in the United States.

Part of the answer of course lies in the fact that Switzerland is a small nation. But a more important part of the answer is that the Swiss are a disciplined people, and that the heads of the military never get too far into the clouds. Once each year all officers as well as enlisted men and reserves must present themselves at stipulated firing ranges to shoot the issue military rifle. The Army gives them 20 rounds free to shoot for qualification. If they don't qualify, they can lose three days' pay. Also, when they shoot again to qualify they pay for their own ammunition! If you are not able-bodied and are excused from qualifying at the range, then you are subject to a special tax. If you attempt to avoid qualifying or to falsify your record, very stiff penalties can be inflicted. All Swiss males between 20 and 48, regardless of brass or position, are supplied with individual "firing books" in which their scores are kept and certified!

Our Minute Man of '76 is today a figure of song and story, but the application of elementary intelligence to our rifle training program could resurrect him in overwhelming force. Remember that in Switzerland all 500,000 members of the armed forces



These kids, members of Luke-Greenway Post No. 1, Phoenix, Ariz., are getting the kind of training that every American boy should have and that The American Legion is peculiarly fitted to provide.



Plinking is an impromptu sport enjoyed by millions, and it develops shooting skill that may prove life-saving.

and reserves keep their individual service weapons in their own homes, subject at any time to surprise military inspection—and to penalties if arms and ammunition are not in good condition! These 500,000 Swiss "Minute Men" can be completely mobilized in less than 48 hours! We could learn something from that example if we would.

Having set forth a problem at some length, what can we do about it? Well, The American Legion in its civilian capacity is really trying to do something about it, and every individual Legionnaire can and should help. For it is apparent that only *pre-military induction training* in the use of personal arms can adequately prepare our draftees for the time ahead.

George Sweeney, Chairman of the Legion Marksmanship Committee, in cooperation with the Americanism Division has laid out a most comprehensive and valuable program of rifle instruction. Mr. Sweeney and Allen Willand, Director of our National Americanism (*Continued on page 43*)

THE MOST publicized veteran of the Korean war is Robert L. Smith of Middleburg, Pennsylvania.

Boys have become veterans very quickly in the Korean war.

On Easter Sunday, 1950, Bob Smith was a 19-year-old boy — out of a job in Middleburg, Pennsylvania — who decided to join the Army.

By Christmas Eve he had been to Asia and only part of him had come back.

Between Easter and Christmas Bob had become a soldier. He had been trained briefly at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Then hostilities in Asia broke out in June and Bob was rushed to Japan in August. He landed with MacArthur's leap-frogging invasion at Inchon, Korea, in September and fought with advance infantry elements down to relieve the old Pusan beachhead.

He went up into North Korea, where he had his 20th birthday on November 7, 1950. He fought nearly to the Manchurian border where he dreamed of being home by Christmas. Then, on November 27, he was shot in the right arm and froze in a ditch for days in zero weather. He became a prisoner of war in a shack near the ditch. In the shack he was beaten by a Chinese guard, and he froze some more.

U. S. Marines rescued him deep in enemy territory and evacuated him out through Hungnam — that Dunkirk of the Korean offensive of last winter. Bob had all four of his frozen limbs removed by doctors at Osaki hospital in Japan. He was flown into San Francisco on Christmas Eve.

And that is what happened, between Easter and Christmas, 1950, to Robert L. Smith, whose father had been John Smith, who lived on Main Street in Middleburg, Pennsylvania.

The world was at peace on Easter, 1950. Bob Smith voluntarily joined the Army and knew that he would be a soldier. But he had no idea of going into combat before the year was out. His mother, Mrs. Clara Smith — whose husband had died years before — raised Bob, his older brother and his younger sister on state Mothers' Assistance.

Things had always been hard for the Smith family and Bob had left high school to go to work. He had one job and then another, and in the spring of 1950, at the age of 19 he was out of work. That made things tough at home again.

Bob and several of his friends joined the Army together. They said that it would solve the job problem and it would be good training; that three years in the Army would find them better prepared in case the lid should blow off in Europe.

That Easter week when Bob joined the Army President Truman announced that the outlook for lasting peace was the best since the cold war had begun. The Berlin airlift seemed to have called the communist bluff in Europe.

We had involvements in Asia but we were getting out of them. That same Easter week, Secretary of State Dean Acheson warned Syngman Rhee, President of the South Korean Republic, that the United States would withdraw all money and arms aid from South Korea if Syngman Rhee's government did not reorganize its internal affairs in ways more acceptable to the Department of State of the United States.

Bob Smith joined the Army for a three-year hitch that week.

Less than two months later the North Koreans showed how well they liked a friendless South Korea. They threw their army of five years' making across the

TAKE A GOOD LOOK

Our representatives at the conference
tables of the world should have with them this
simple flesh and blood story of how Robert L. Smith
paid for our post-war policy in Asia.

By **PHILIP BUCCI**

Photos by **THE AUTHOR**



Pennsylvania Legion Adjutant Edward A. Linsky (center) and colleagues view mail that brought \$120,000 to Bob Smith.

38th parallel, and suddenly the United States gave wholehearted aid to South Korea — arms and tanks and planes and ships and young men.

Bob Smith was rushed out of Fort Knox to Japan in such a hurry, after four months' training, that Army dentists failed to replace several front upper teeth in his mouth which they had removed.

When Bob was in Japan he got word that his older brother Howard, who had joined the Army earlier, had received an arm injury in Korea and was then in a Japanese hospital.

Later, Bob fought down through South Korea until United Nations troops had repossessed the territory of the government of Syngman Rhee. Then he moved up into North Korea with the UN forces that promised to put an end to the North Korean army early last winter.

Bob wrote his mother from Iwon, in North Korea, that he had heard that his brother Howard was having another operation on his arm. Bob wrote, "I know I don't want nobody cutting into my arm every couple weeks." He asked about



Bob Smith at Walter Reed Hospital. He left his limbs in Asia.

the deer season at home and requested that his mother give his shotgun shells to a friend. He said the weather was terribly cold at Iwon, that his nose was running that morning and before he could get his handkerchief out it had frozen. He said one of the things he feared was frostbite in his fingers.

Bob was in the vanguard of the November offensive that went up around the Changjin Reservoir, and it was in the dark hours of the morning of November 27, long before sunrise on a bitter winter day, that Chinese "volunteers" came out of the sanctity of Manchuria to throw back the UN troops that had nearly put an end to the Korean conflict.

One of the first Chinese commie bullets to strike a United Nations soldier slanted into Bob Smith's right arm in the dark, cold hours of that morning. He fell into a ditch and the Chinese communist hordes overran his position. His buddies had promised to come back and get him but they were unable to do so, as the Chinese spread over most of North Korea in a few days.

Bob stayed several days in the ditch with the icy wind howling and snow pelting down. The barren, frozen mountains offered him no better place to go.

Roving Chinese patrols appeared dimly in the snow from time to time while Bob lay in the ditch under a poncho. One Chinese patrol found him and a member of it lifted the poncho, looked at Bob, took his gloves, and threw the poncho back over him.

For days he lay in the ditch. Then he crawled to an unheated mountain shack a few hundred yards away.

A Chinese guard held six UN prisoners, South Korean and American, in the shack. Bob became the seventh. The guard frequently beat Bob and kicked him. He could not feel the beating on his limbs for the intense cold had done its work. But it hurt when he was kicked on the chest.

For several more days he stayed in the shack. At the end of that time only two of six prisoners, besides Bob, remained. Two South Koreans escaped, two other prisoners died.

On December 6 the Chinese guard disappeared and left Bob and his two American friends to die. Not one of them was able to walk. Their limbs were frozen. On the 7th a patrol of the American 1st Marine Division, operating behind the Chinese front, came upon the shack and rescued the three remaining prisoners. The starved and frozen men were hustled down the escape corridor to Hungnam. Bob was shipped to Japan on the hospital ship *USS Consolation*, and there his wounded arm and his other three frozen limbs were removed (*Continued on page 61*)



Sperber has learned that if you have what people want they'll buy it by mail.

One thing leads to another

The story of ex-GI Stanley Sperber,
who employs a remarkable "chain reaction" principle
to build successful businesses.

By SAM G. WINGFIELD

REMEMBER that ideal post-war job that so many GIs, probably you yourself, used to dream about?

You had a swanky big office, complete with a battery of telephones, and you had an intercom system so you could call for subordinates if there was work to be done. Your office had a private bar, and over in the safe you had a few cases of champagne stashed away, and fancy things to eat in case

you got hungry or had callers. You had callers too, a lot of them, because you were a pretty well-known Joe, what with all that advertising you were doing. But best of all, nobody bossed you around, because you were the boss. And if you felt like going hunting you just picked up your gun and shoved off, and if you wanted a bit of boating, your boat was there waiting.

Well, of course, not many fellows

really thought they'd ever move into a set-up quite as nice as all that. But just to prove that nothing is impossible in these United States, we'd like you to meet a fellow who in a few short years worked himself right into the middle of a picture exactly as described in the preceding paragraph.

His name is Stanley Sperber, 32 year-old Legionnaire and former sergeant in the 93rd Ordnance Company. Today Sperber is owner and president of the Stanley Optical Co., and the Hudson Gem Co., two thriving New York City mail order concerns, and in addition he owns the Republic Advertising Agency.

Sperber's outstanding trait, and the one that has made him successful, is his boundless enthusiasm. Even the Army couldn't suppress the Sperber effervescence. There was the time, for instance, when he got into a wrangle with his captain over the use of anti-aircraft guns. At that time, early in the war, the Army insisted that anti-aircraft should be used against aircraft only. Sperber thought they'd be just dandy against enemy tanks and kept saying so. His captain finally ordered him to pipe down on the subject and let the men in the Pentagon and at Aberdeen think the heavy thoughts. But one day Sperber found that the colonel also had ideas about using anti-aircraft guns as anti-tank weapons, so the sergeant got permission to make a manually operated sight for such use. In a trial against moving ground targets his crudely made sight scored five hits with five rounds, while the fancy electronic sight scored 55 misses in 55 tries. As a reward for his interest he was transferred from Anti-Aircraft to Ordnance and shipped to Africa.

Following the route familiar to many GIs, he went from North Africa to Sicily and then Italy. However, he wasn't satisfied to follow Army routine and that made him a nuisance to the brass. For instance, there was the matter of the Italian sniper's gun that Sperber picked up. Immediately he decided that it could be greatly improved, so he cut the barrel down to 20 inches, removed the stock, replaced it with a pistol grip, and then added a muzzle brake. That did it. The Army at that time was dead set against muzzle brakes, virtually as a matter of policy.

When he tried to interest officers in his improvised weapon he got the chilliest kind of reaction. Then he got a severe case of asthma and was shipped to a hospital in Algiers. Most fellows would have been satisfied to take it easy under the circumstances, but Sperber's enthusiasm for his sniper's gun wouldn't let him lie abed. Soon after his arrival he slipped the weapon under his bathrobe and went (*Continued on page 45*)

HOW A HOUSEWIFE ROUTED THE REDS By FRED TURNER

You don't have to be an expert to trounce the communists
—as this courageous Buffalo woman proved.



Mrs. Josephine Baker, who dramatized the fact that the peace petitions were Kremlin-inspired.



Bearing flags and banners, 2500 men, women and children marched through Buffalo's First Ward.

How a young American housewife sparked a movement which routed phony communist peace-petition-bearers from her neighborhood in Buffalo is one of the most inspiring developments in the nation's gradually-awakening opposition to Moscow propaganda.

It happened a year ago last summer. From start to finish it was a smooth, well-conducted operation, and it was done in such a decent American way that it could well serve as a model for any community which may come to grips with the communist machine.

The young matron is Mrs. Josephine Baker, wife of Henry J. Baker, an American Legionnaire, veteran of the 80th Chemical Battalion which served in the Philippines, and presently a civil engineer in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers office.

Jo Baker is a slight but oh-my girl whose small build and smiling eyes give little hint of a reserve of energy and

mental power. The mother of three — one son, six and two daughters younger — Jo Baker's life is a busy one; still, it wasn't too busy to prevent her from doing what she thought was the right and the patriotic thing to do, and she did it.

Most of the several hundred families of the Commodore Perry Housing Project in South Buffalo were in church that Sunday in July of 1950 when five or six carloads of communists and commie-liners drove into the neighborhood and began pushing the notorious Stockholm peace petitions. Dozens of signatures were obtained.

Henry (Hank) Baker, on his way to the store for cigarettes, heard about it and came home and told Jo.

"I paid little attention to it then," said Jo, "but the next day I found my neighbor hanging out her wash. She was in tears. She said she had signed a 'peace' petition which she later learned was communist-inspired. Her husband is a veteran Navy man and she was

afraid that he would be angry at her.

One thing certain — Jo Baker got angry. It roiled her that this fakery could be put over on an American community.

"I was mad, too," she recalls, "because so many of our people took it lying down — kind of a defeatist attitude."

So Jo telephoned Morton P. Levy, chairman of the County Legion Committee Combatting Subversive Activities. She also got in touch with a newspaperman who had been exposing the "peace" petitions.

She told them her idea was to get out pro-American petitions to be signed and counter-petitions to be signed by those who had signed the commie petitions, renouncing their signatures.

Both men gave her enthusiastic approval and support. Jo and Hank got their neighbors together, and with the help of the Project office mimeograph, the petitions (*Continued on page 63*)

Veterans Newsletter

NOVEMBER, 1951

A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

SENATE OVERRIDES VETO OF PENSION BILL:

Joining with House action, the Senate on September 18 overrode Presidential veto of H. R. 3193 granting \$120 per month pensions to helpless and blind veterans in non-service-connected status . . . The Senate vote to override was 69 to 9 — or 17 more than the necessary two-thirds of those voting . . . House on August 17 voted 318 to 45 to override . . . Measure became Public Law 149, 82nd Congress without benefit of the President's approval, and becomes effective on November 1.

New law will increase pensions of some 25,000 veterans of WW1 and 2, Spanish-American War, and present Korean conflict who are rated by VA totally and permanently disabled . . . 23,700 of the eligibles are WW1 veterans so rated for non-service-connected disabilities . . . Old law pension this class \$60 for those under 65; \$72 for those above 65 or who have had total and permanent rating for ten consecutive years . . . To be eligible for increase new law requires that veteran must be blind or helpless, or so nearly helpless as to need care of attendant . . . Veterans 65 years of age or over rated as totally and permanently disabled who are neither helpless nor blind will continue to receive \$72 per month as provided in previous law.

Law does not affect service-connected veterans . . . It applies only to those whose injuries or disease cannot be traced to service, and is payable only on condition that veteran, without dependents, has income of less than \$1,000 annually; those with dependents, annual income of less than \$2,500 . . . Law conforms to almost identical provision in effect several years for Spanish-American War veterans.

VA advises that pension increases under Public Law 149 will be made only upon application . . . No special forms are needed . . . Veterans eligible to receive increase must write to VA, give name, "C" number, and other identifying data, requesting benefits under Public Law 149 . . . Where VA records do not show the veteran eligible for the pension, a medical examination will be necessary . . . After November 1 the date of application will be the effective date of payment.

The pension measure has been urged by the last three American Legion National Conventions, and has stood as a No. 1 item on Legion legislative mandates . . . Bill was introduced in Congress by Representative John Rankin, Mississippi, Chairman of House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

"KOREA" INSCRIBED ON GRAVESTONES:

Because the fighting in Korea is not an official war — only a "police action" — men who died there were not under law entitled to a "war" designation on gravestones supplied by the Government . . . When situation was called to attention of President Truman, through House Armed Services Committee, an executive order was issued authorizing "Korea" to be inscribed on the grave markers

of the nearly 14,000 men who have died in the Korean hostilities . . . Graves of men killed and veterans of other wars are distinctly marked "World War I," "World War II," etc.

NSLI DIVIDEND PAYMENT PROGRESSING:

VA announces that it is nearing the half-way mark in the payment of the 1951 dividend to holders of National Service Life Insurance . . . Nearly four million of the 8,200,000 policyholders have been paid and checks are being processed at the rate of 35,000 daily . . . Holding up to schedule, checks go out generally from two to three months after anniversary date of policies . . . Formula for calculating dividend varies: Vets 40 or under at time term policy was taken out receive 50 cents per \$1,000 of insurance per month . . . Term policyholders over 40 receive dividends ranging from 47 cents at 41 to 20 cents at age of 56 or over per \$1,000 insurance per month . . . Holders of permanent plan NSLI policies are paid on calculations made under 2,953 separate rates — age, plan, etc. — all of which is too complicated to attempt an understandable breakdown.

GOOD NEWS FOR EX-POWs:

War Claims Commission says it will clean up payment of prisoner-of-war claims by Christmas . . . Of the 142,370 claims filed, 136,824 have been processed for payment . . . Checks are going out at the rate of 9,000 per month and proceeding in the 116,000 bracket . . . Deadline for filing is March 31, 1952. . . . Commission requests claimants refrain from writing about applications if they have received an acknowledgment card assigning claim number.

W. VA. BONUS BONDS FOR SALE TO PUBLIC:

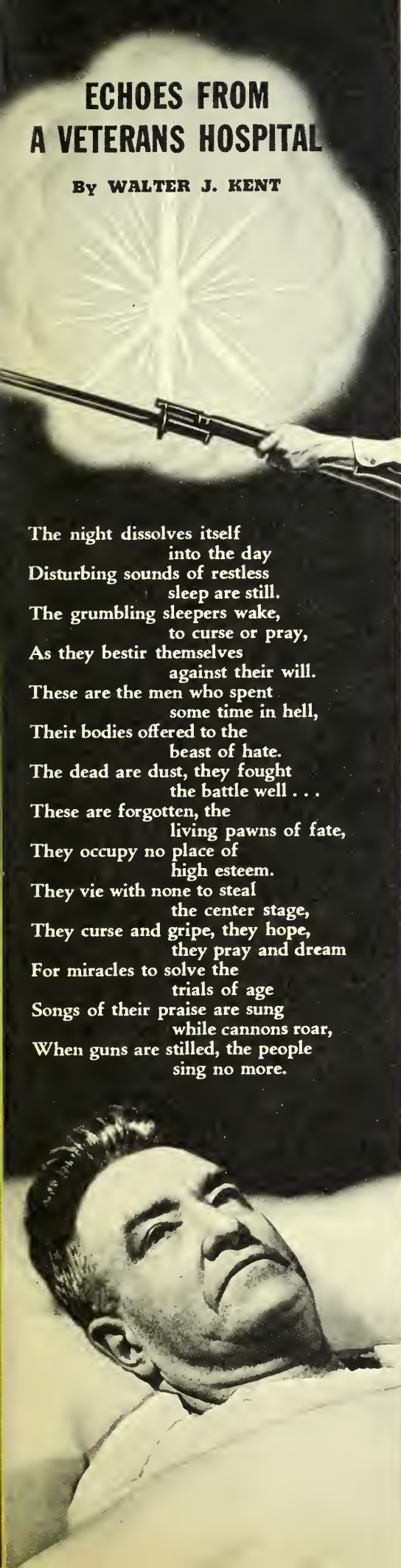
Held up since last May because Washington big-wigs call the West Virginia WW1 and 2 bonus "inflationary," Governor Okey L. Patteson plans to offer the \$90,000,000 bond issue for sale by public subscription . . . Big investment houses, taking direction from Washington, refused to bid on first offering of \$67,000,000 . . . Governor Patteson has appointed 11-member committee of bankers to set up plan of sale and financing . . . State bonus bonds will be offered to banks, businesses, individuals and purchases will be made from special State funds . . . A bond sale drive is also planned.

NEW MEDAL FOR RESERVISTS:

A new Armed Forces Reserve Medal, design yet to be approved, has been authorized by the Secretary of Defense . . . The medal is to be awarded to men who have served honorably and satisfactorily for 10 or more years in one or of the Reserve components of the Armed Forces . . . Service must have been completed within 12 years . . . A bronze hour-glass with Roman numeral "X" superimposed, is authorized for each additional 10 years, to be worn on the ribbon.

ECHOES FROM A VETERANS HOSPITAL

By WALTER J. KENT



The night dissolves itself
into the day
Disturbing sounds of restless
sleep are still.
The grumbling sleepers wake,
to curse or pray,
As they bestir themselves
against their will.
These are the men who spent
some time in hell,
Their bodies offered to the
beast of hate.
The dead are dust, they fought
the battle well . . .
These are forgotten, the
living pawns of fate,
They occupy no place of
high esteem.
They vie with none to steal
the center stage,
They curse and gripe, they hope,
they pray and dream
For miracles to solve the
trials of age
Songs of their praise are sung
while cannons roar,
When guns are stilled, the people
sing no more.

How To Winterproof Your Home

(Continued from page 17)

watching for any holes, broken, missing, warping or loose shingles. Misplaced shingles of any kind cause eventual leaks. Leaks in the roof are seldom easily detected from the outside. To mark them outside, push a small wire up through the holes, which generally can be seen from the attic. Inspect also the ridges of metal or wood for warpage, corrosion, pulled nails, etc.

Repair: Loose shingles can be renailed with copper or galvanized nails, while split or badly warped shingles should be removed and replaced with new shingles of the same size and shape. Doubtful joints or holes in composition asphalt shingles can be sealed with roofing cement. Holes in metal roofs are repaired by filling the holes with calking compound and nailing a metal patch of ample size over the patch. Tighten ridge boards with nails; replace rotted or badly corroded ones.

5. GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS:

What To Look For: Inspect all gutters for water pockets, broken joints, corrosion, improper pitch, loose hanger straps, pulled nails, missing strainers and accumulation of leaves and dirt. Check, too, for downspout leakage, clogging by leaves, standing water around foundation and the condition of paint.

Repair: Clean gutters twice a year and paint inside with metallic or asphalt paint. Resolder broken joints, tighten straps and replace rusty nails. Replace all gutters where corrosion has eaten through. Bend hangers up or down slightly to give correct pitch. Downspouts should terminate in a dry well or storm sewer.

6. FLASHING:

What To Look For: Go over all metal flashing in the valleys of the roof, around the chimney, dormers, and vent pipes for looseness, corrosion and lack of paint. Examine, too, the window and door cap to see if new flashing or repairing of existing joints is required.

Repair: Resolder broken joints and re-nail all loose flashing. Small holes may be filled with roofing cement or a copper patch soldered on. Flashing that has begun to rust should be removed. Keeping the flashing constantly painted is vital for any flashing that is subject to rust.

7. CHIMNEY:

What To Look For: In looking over the chimney, see that all bricks are in place and well painted. See that chimney caps aren't cracked or loose. Check chimney draft to see whether it is effective or may require lengthening of the chimney or installation of metal hoods. If there are thick deposits of soot, it is obvious the chimney needs cleaning.

Repair: Small cracks may be sealed with roofing cement or calking compound, large ones chiseled out and plugged with concrete. Badly loosened chimney caps should be entirely reset in fresh concrete. If there is no special chimney cap, mortar should be spread over the top of the brick work and sloped down from the flue opening to the outside edge of the chimney. To clean

a flue, a weighted bag stuffed with paper, straw, or cloth may be lowered from above. This will force the dirt and soot out at all the openings, hence precautions must be taken to seal up the fireplaces to prevent dirtying the rooms.

8. STEPS AND PORCHES:

What To Look For: If the floor is of concrete or other masonry, look for cracks, and examine the joint at the foundation wall. Check wood floors, railings, posts, columns and supports for warping, dry rot and paint blisters. Check steps to see that none are broken, loose or worn.

Repair: Seal open joints between concrete floor and house wall with tar paper strips and roofing cement. Cracks can be repaired by undercutting the cement floor to provide a key for the new concrete filling. For wood construction, provide plenty of ventilation under the floor. Tighten floor and joints by re-nailing, close cracks with calking compound and use paint and calking compound at base of columns. If paint has badly blistered or is worn, repaint it. See that rain water drains off the porch completely. This can be done by boring several holes in the wood where water lies. Smooth with a rat-tail file and paint against rot. All decayed or rotted structural members should be replaced.

9. WINDOWS:

What To Look For: Check for cracked panes, loose or missing putty, open joints and dry rot in window sashes. Examine sills and frames for warping and rot, too. Search for open cracks between walls and frames, and in the case of metal casements, rust and corrosion. Operating pulleys, hardware, weights and cords may require adjustment. See if storm windows need repair or repainting and if additional ones should be provided.

Repair: Replace all doubtful putty; seal small cracks with paint, large ones with calking compound. Remove granular paint from sills, and repaint. In case of corrosion on metal casements, sandpaper thoroughly and paint. Tighten all storm sash hardware and use weatherstripping on the cold side of the house. Simple-to-install weatherstripping is available at your local hardware store.

10. DOORS:

What To Look For: Examine for defects in wood or metal paneling, glass, or hardware. Look for cracks between frame and walls and check the sills and thresholds for wear, soundness of fastening and warping. Transoms and sidelights of doors should be subjected to the same inspection as windows.

Repair: Tightening up the screws that hold the hinges will cure the difficulty if the door strikes along the front edge of the frame. Moving the strike plate back from the outer edge will stop a door from rattling, while adding a third hinge will stop door from swinging open or shut of its own accord. Replace all defective locks, rotted or worn sills or thresholds and any broken panels. Calk any cracks between

the frame and wall and keep the door well painted.

11. BASEMENT WALLS AND FLOORS:

What To Look For: Go over the inside basement walls and floor, watching for excessive dampness, discoloration, cracks, open mortar joint, wear and looseness of any kind of covering. Look, too, for separations between walls and floor. Floors should have sufficient pitch to carry off water quickly to floor drains.

Repair: Chisel out all cracks and fill with new concrete. Seal all wall and floor joints with tar or pitch. Badly worn floor areas should have the entire floor resurfaced by adding a new concrete slab. Walls may be waterproofed with special paint available at your local hardware and paint stores. But cause of excessive seepage should be determined by a competent expert and eliminated promptly.

12. HEATING PLANT:

What To Look For: Because there are many types of heating systems, the details of inspection necessarily vary. Automatically controlled equipment such as oil burners, gas-fired boilers and mechanical coal stokers should be maintained in accordance with manufacturers' instructions and repairs or servicing done by trained mechanics. In a coal-fired furnace, look for warped or broken grates, cracked firebox walls, leaks, and condition of insulation. The smoke pipe and chimney should be checked, too.

Repair: Tackle the ash pit first, brushing every last particle of ash, especially from walls and grates. Drain all water and scale from the furnace boiler. Wire brush the inside of the fire pot and combustion chamber. Clean out every bit of scale, sludge and dirt from radiators. Take down the smoke pipes, and clean them thoroughly. Stop up all air leaks around the fire door, the ash door, the burner opening or between sections. There are several kinds of cement made for this purpose. Boiler re-insulation job should be done by an experienced workman. New parts should be ordered and replacements made promptly.

13. HOT WATER SYSTEM:

What To Look For: Go over the hot water heater, look for signs of corrosion, small pinholes and condition of insulation. Also check the water to see if it is excessively hot and dirty. See if all safety valves, that allow steam to escape if water overheats, are in working order.

Repair: Drain off water from storage tank to remove accumulated sediment. Opening the faucet or petcock at the bottom of tank will do this. The higher the temperature of water, the more inefficient the system is and the greater will be the accumulation of sediment. This may be avoided by controls or aquastats which prevent heater from overheating the water. Pinholes can be remedied by using special plugs available from your hardware dealer. Rusted tanks should be replaced and faulty insulation should be repaired.

14. PLUMBING:

What To Look For: Plumbing facilities, including water supply and drainage pip-

ing, fixtures, and equipment, should be checked to see that all parts of the system are in good condition and functioning properly. Drains and traps should be inspected for possible clogging, faucets for leaks, and flush valves or mechanism in water closet flush tanks to see whether repairs or new parts are needed. Determine whether exposed piping is properly insulated against freezing in winter.

Repair: Keep all plumbing drains open by using a good drain solvent regularly. Flush all seldom-used floor drains regularly with clear water. If the float ball is waterlogged in the water-closet, replace; adjust



trip level to stop continual leakage of water, and seal any cracks in the fixtures. Usually you can easily repair leaky faucets yourself, but where a major fault is found, call your plumber before any serious damage is done.

15. FLOORS:

What To Look For: Look and listen for loose boards, cracks, squeaks, worn finish and open baseboard molding. In addition, check floor coverings to see if they need repair or replacement.

Repair: To stop squeaks or tighten loose floor boards, screw a wood cleat to the joist below, then pull the subfloor down to it with long screws that carry through the subfloor boards and more than halfway through the top flooring. If the under floor is not accessible, drive a few carefully placed 1½-inch finishing nails, at an angle, through the finished floor and into the subfloor. Separation of baseboard molding from the floor means that the floor has sagged. This can be corrected by raising the floor with a special jack available from your hardware dealer. Worn floors should be sanded and refinished.

16. WALLS AND CEILINGS:

What To Look For: Search for cracks in the plaster, particularly over door and window opening, and see whether the plaster on the ceiling is cracked, sags or is loose. Drywall types of interior finishes should be examined for buckling, loosening, cracking, or breakage.

Repair: Small cracks in plaster can be repaired by using plaster of Paris or spack-

ling compound used in accordance with manufacturers' instructions. Large areas of loose or bulging plaster will sooner or later fall — repairs, therefore, should not be delayed. Call in a competent plasterer to do this job. Slight warpage can be arrested in drywall construction by careful nailing; excessive warpage or breakage calls for replacement. Cracks are treated in the same manner as plaster.

17. CONDENSATION:

What To Look For: Condensation can cause many disastrous results to your home. Check the walls for dampness or water stains. Many water marks are caused by condensation rather than leaks. Look at the paint condition around window and door frames. Do the windows steam up in winter?

Repair: Paint damp walls with two coats of pigmented primer, or two coats of aluminum paint applied as a primer over your present wall finish, followed by wallpaper or a coat of flat paint. Insulating the walls will also help eliminate condensation. A storm sash is a great help in preventing condensation on windows, while installing ventilating fans in kitchen and laundry will eliminate another source.

18. STAIRS AND STAIRWAYS:

What To Look For: Check for squeaks, wear, loose or defective stair treads, and weak handrails. The condition of covering or pads should be determined, too.

Repair: Creaking stairs or loose treads can be stopped by hammering two or more 8-penny finishing nails into the tread at an angle to each other, making sure the nails go into the riser. Worn or broken treads should be replaced. In most cases, this requires the help of a professional carpenter. Weak handrails can be strengthened by using "L" brackets between the handrails and steps. Worn step pads should be replaced and loose ones nailed tight. Stair refinishing is done the same as wood floors.

19. ATTIC:

What To Look For: Examine roof rafters and beams for any that are warping, rotting or working loose. Look carefully for inside water stains due to leaks in the roof. Also determine if insulation is needed.

Repair: Drive home all loose nails. Where excessive pulling is noticed, replace nails or spikes with larger ones, being careful not to split the wood. Broken, badly warped or rotted members should be removed and replaced by a good carpenter. Attic insulation work is easy to do and will pay for itself in a few years in heating savings and comfort.

20. GROUNDS:

What To Look For: Go over all walks and driveways to see whether they need repair or replacement. The condition of the paint on fences, trellises and lattice-work should also be checked.

Repair: Cracks should be undercut and filled with ready mixed patching cement. Worn spots should be recovered with a uniform coating of new concrete. Drains should be set into any low spots in a driveway to prevent water pockets. Badly broken or cracked concrete should be replaced.

THE END



MIAMI... 1951 NATIONAL CONVENTION

It was a history-making convention but those who attended it found time for fun.

THE AMERICAN LEGION returned to Miami and Miami Beach for its 33rd Annual Convention, October 15-18. The Legionnaires and their principal guests, General of the Army and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur, put on a parade spectacle that attracted a third of a million Floridians to Miami sidewalks on Tuesday, October 16. It was, said the *Miami Herald*, Miami's biggest crowd and longest parade of all time.

The parade was far longer than its seven-hour duration would indicate, for this was one of the fastest moving Legion Convention parades yet. From noon to midnight Miami streets and sidewalks were nearly impassable as the great crowd assembled along Biscayne Boulevard and Flagler Street hours in advance of the scheduled 4 p.m. starting time.

Though three times spattered with showers (none to equal the 1948 downpour) General and Mrs. MacArthur reviewed the entire parade and greeted every marching contingent with a salute and a wave. The great show surpassed in significance all those of the past except New York's parade of 1937. There were more uniformed Legionnaires marching in ranks (and in step), and more musical outfits than at any convention since the end of War II. Host state, Florida, offered the largest marching contingent while New Jersey, with six drum and bugle corps (including three of the first four in National Senior competition and the first two in National Junior competition), led all visiting states in musical units.

Again the multitude of visiting Legionnaires racked up a model convention in the personal behavior department. A Miami paper editorialized—nostalgically, it seemed—that the Legion was raising hell in an exceedingly polite manner. Even the few buzzers and water pistoleers seemed to have developed the art of playing their tricks nicely—and Cloyd Miller, President of the National Education Association,

told delegates that he could give the Legion an A in deportment.

The convention was, if anything, noisier than the last two—but noisy mostly with the music of laughing comrades and carousing bands and drum corps who, though they murdered sleep, yet kept the peace.

Miami's city manager reported not one case of disorder. Pretty Jo Gann, waitress in Al's Famous Restaurant on busy Biscayne Boulevard said: "It was a fine convention. Nobody was unpleasant." Hers was the typical comment of Miamians.

Worry was caused by a hurricane that formed south of Cuba as the convention opened and moved directly north toward Miami, but this dissolved into a few showers en route.

Legionnaires swam and sunbathed on the endless beaches, private and public, along the beautiful, hotel-studded sweep of Miami Beach and the palm-fringed shore of the county park on Biscayne Key. They shipped home thousands of coconuts and seashells. They deep-sea fished aboard charter cabin cruisers. They inspected the visiting aircraft carrier *Cabot*. They visited the Monkey Jungle, the Parrot Jungle and other tropical attractions in and near Miami. Early arrivals saw Miami U. clash in an arc-lit football game with Purdue in the Orange Bowl. But more than anything else they talked and laughed and visited with friends, old and new, Legionnaires and Miamians.

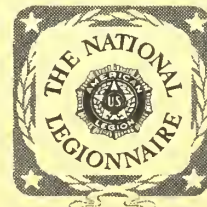
In the serious business of the convention, national security and foreign relations got the spotlight, receiving the concern not only of Legionnaires, but of a host of distinguished guests and speakers. Outstanding address was, of course, that of General MacArthur, practically every sentence of which was a whole story in itself, and all of which was a resounding appeal that America realistically affirm its positive position as a sovereign and lead-

ing world power. Other outstanding addresses included those of Robert A. Lovett, making his first public pronouncement since becoming Secretary of Defense, and Sen. Richard B. Russell, of Georgia, who presented a positive program for Americans in a speech at the National Commander's dinner.

The convention elected 34-year-old Donald R. Wilson, of Clarksburg, West Virginia, to the office of National Commander—to succeed Erle Cocke, Jr., of Dawson, Georgia. Wilson, a soft-spoken, tow-headed lawyer, received the "most unanimous" election to office in the history of the Legion, there being no other candidate nominated.

Competing drum and bugle corps set a record for recent years, with 22 senior corps and 11 junior corps competing for national honors. The corps of Post 199, of Hawthorne, New Jersey, upset by .12 of a point the defending senior corps of Garbarina-Mazarakos Post 1523 of New York City, before an audience of more than 32,000 in the Orange Bowl. In junior competition, St. Vincent Cadets of Jersey City, New Jersey, downed the defending Holy Name Cadets of Garfield, New Jersey. Harwood Post of Joliet, Illinois, won the national band contest for the sixth straight year. The Sioux Falls, South Dakota, chorus repeated its victory for the third straight year. Naval Post 372 of Chicago successfully defended its initiation team championship.

Post 85, of Kankakee, Illinois, took top honors in senior color guard competition. Advertising Men's Post of Chicago won the junior color guard event. Commonwealth Edison Post 118 of Chicago captured the national firing squad contest at Miami Stadium.



PICTURES AND FURTHER CONVENTION DETAILS APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.



Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett delivered his first public address since assuming office.



Gen. Charles P. Summerall received the Legion's Distinguished Service Medal. Presentation was made by Past National Commander Ray Murphy.



Cheers greeted Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense, when she spoke of reservists.



Wearing his Legion cap, General Douglas MacArthur addressed the convention.



Gen. Carl R. Gray, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, gave a progress report on the VA.

WHAT WAS DONE, WHAT IS PLANNED

Against a somber world background,
delegates and committee members charted the
American Legion's course for the year ahead.

HIGHLIGHTED by a battery of world-renowned figures as speakers, and an attention to the grave concerns of America and of the American Legion, the 33rd National Convention at Greater Miami, Florida, on October 15-18 made history and set a new high goal for Legion accomplishment. It was a drama-packed three days of business sessions, with one day out for the Great Parade, from the time National Commander Erle Cocke, Jr., called the convention to order until

adjournment late on Thursday evening.

The cavernous 13,000-seat Dinner Key Auditorium—jammed to its utmost capacity and with an overflow crowd of thousands more on the spacious grounds—gave General of the Army Douglas MacArthur a tumultuous ovation when he appeared on Wednesday noon to address the convention. It was a hero's welcome, and none were more enthusiastic in their reception than the hundreds of men and women present who had served under the

General in two World Wars. Then, for the first and only time during the three days of oratory, report reading and debate, a deep hush fell when General MacArthur took the rostrum to deliver his stirring 45-minute address.

The hum of conversation was silenced, but the Legionnaires and guests did not listen in complete silence—forty-nine times they burst into applause, and three times the General was given a standing ovation. Wearing a Legion cap instead of



Dinner Key Auditorium which served as the convention hall was a scene of great activity as world-famous personalities spoke and Legion business was conducted.



David V. Addy, Detroit, Chairman of Child Welfare Commission, speaking.

the familiar military uniform cap, the General and his charming wife completely captivated the conventioners.

In a strongly stated disagreement with some of the present policies with respect to the Armed Forces and the conduct of the Korean conflict, the General said: "The only present guarantee of our nation's safety and freedom and the best presently available assurance of world peace is to have in the hands of this great peace-loving nation the mightiest armament in the world."

General MacArthur's appearance before the convention followed that of Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett on Monday, who flew to Miami to deliver to the Legionnaires his first public address since succeeding General George C. Marshall as chief of all the nation's fighting forces. Secretary Lovett told the Legion in down-to-earth soldier talk that "there is no get-rich-quick solution for national security and we must be certain we are not arming our troops with promissory notes."

At the same session Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense, was cheered to the echo when she told the convention that more than 100,000 Army Enlisted Reservists will be out of uniform by Christmas. She said "other branches of the Armed Services are all moving in the same direction, although their release schedules will take somewhat longer to carry out." Again Mrs. Rosenberg brought thunderous cheers when she declared the return of the 100,000 Army Reservists had been made possible by the adoption of the Legion-sponsored legislation for Universal Military Training and Service.

Mrs. Rosenberg's address may be said to keynote a resolution presented in the report of the Security Committee by Chairman Bruce Henderson, of Ohio, which called attention to the fact that further legislation is needed to make Universal Military Training and Service a full realization of the Legion's 32-year fight. The resolution adopted called upon all levels to the Legion to redouble its effort.



Roscoe Gaither, of Mexico, reporting to the National Executive Committee.



Brig. Gen. William F. Welsh, USAF, retired, consultant to National Security Commission, briefed the members at the opening session.

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The convention really began on Friday, October 12, with meetings of the Standing Commissions—the hard core of the working Legion—to round up the work of the year and to prepare for the Convention Committees. These Convention Committees, organized immediately after the convening of the convention, had nearly 700 resolutions sent up from Department Conventions.

At the opening session on October 12th, the invocation was delivered by Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr., National Chaplain, and the "Star-Spangled Banner" was sung by Morton Downey, noted tenor. Governor Fuller Warren welcomed the Legionnaires. He was followed by Hon. William Wolfarth, Mayor of Miami; Hon. D. Lee Powell, Mayor of Miami Beach; Hon. David Hendrick, Jr., Mayor of Coral Gables; Department Commander Frank J. Falsone of the Florida Legion, and National Vice Commander Joe H. Adams, President of the 1951 Convention Corporation. The response was delivered by Past National Commander George N. Craig.

Other speakers at the opening session in addition to Secretary of Defense Lovett and Assistant Secretary Mrs. Rosenberg, were Cecil B. deMille, dean of the motion picture industry, who called upon the Legion to throw its weight behind a national reawakening of morality. Ambassador Luis Machado, personal representative of the President of Cuba, assured the convention that the United States was not alone in the fight to keep communism out of the Americas. A grimmer note was struck by Clarence Manion, of Notre Dame University, who warned that World War III, if it comes, will be lost unless we sell the nation on democracy and religion. Greetings from their respective organizations was voiced by Mrs. Willis C. Reed, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Harold V. Haines, Chef de Chemin de Fer, 40 and 8.

At later sessions General Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, delivered an address that was in the nature of a progress report of the VA. Lt. General Anthony C. ("Nuts") McAuliffe, Assistant Chief of Staff of the Army—the hero of Bastogne—detailed the Army's extensive program of education, welfare and medical care for its men.



Newly elected National Commander Donald R. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson are presented to the crowd by outgoing National Commander Erle Cocke, Jr.

In a vigorous speech, William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, told the convention that our country must have an effective price control law. Florida's former Governor Millard Caldwell, now Federal Administrator of Civil Defense, outlined the civil defense program. "There are those who charge us with crying wolf," he said, "with getting hysterical. All I am doing here today is giving the facts—the truth—and let those facts speak for themselves." The guest speakers on the program included also J. Cloyd Miller, President of the National Education Association, who talked of the Legion's youth training programs and the close association of the NEA and the Legion.

In brief talks, fraternal greetings were brought to the convention by Frank C. Hilton, Commander in Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Paul Ginsburg, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans; Ewing W. Mays, National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, and by representatives of other national veterans groups.

President Harry S. Truman sent a message of regret that he could not attend, and asked the Legion to continue the fight for

a complete Universal Military Training and Service program. General George C. Marshall, retiring Secretary of Defense, returned thanks for the Legion's effort in the UMT campaign in a telegram.

A great ovation was tendered General Charles P. Summerall, top-ranking WWI combat commander, former Chief of Staff of the Army, who since retirement has served 20 years as President of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, when he came on the stage to receive the Legion's Distinguished Service Medal. The presentation was made by Past National Commander Ray Murphy.

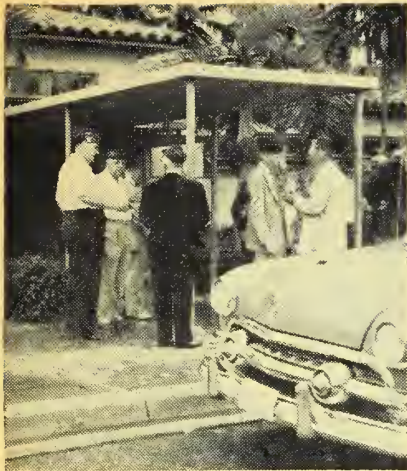
In swift succession, sandwiched in between the series of addresses and briefings on national and world conditions, the convention listened to the reports of the various Committees. Out of the deliberations came a clear-cut, realistic program for 1952, set out in clear and unmistakable language. The convention called for a stepped up activity in the fight against communism and totalitarianism, a complete house-cleaning in our State Department, implementing the UMT law already on the books, for adequate hospital facilities for sick and disabled veterans, increase in pension and compensation to



Mrs. E. A. Campbell of Homer, La., new National President of the Auxiliary, with the National Commander.



Unanimously elected Vice Commanders were, left to right, Frank R. Kelley, Boston; Audley H. Ward, Aiken, S. C.; Oscar Rohlf, Casper, Wyo.; Thomas E. Paradine, Roslyn, N. Y.; and Adolph Bremer, Winona, Minn.



Under this canopy leading to National Headquarters passed the busiest people in Miami.

liam Oatis, Associated Press reporter now imprisoned in Czechoslovakia, and complete severance of diplomatic and commercial relations if his release is not soon effected; demanded that the Korean action be pressed to a speedy and successful conclusion, and opposed the surrender of Formosa to red China or the seating of red China delegates in the United Nations.

Sharing the spotlight with the Foreign Relations Committee report, another spirited debate was precipitated when the Rehabilitation Committee's report was presented by Chairman John H. Walsh of Massachusetts. The report as submitted—embodying 209 resolutions submitted for action covering every phase of rehabilitation and veteran welfare—was entirely acceptable and was adopted, with the exception that the Committee rejected a resolution from Illinois calling for a general age and service pension beginning at age 60 at \$75 per month, increased to \$90 at age 65. Speaking for his Department,

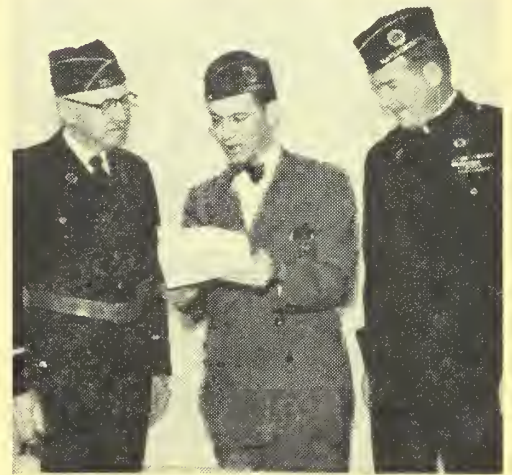
to West Virginia. Past Department Commander Stanley C. Morris, Charleston, West Virginia, in a stirring address presented the name of Donald R. Wilson, his close personal friend and law associate. The roll call, as required, proceeded to the end of the list, with each Department seconding the nomination of Wilson, while banner-carrying delegates were crowding toward the stage. With difficulty, the election was completed by a motion to make the choice unanimous—and then the thunders loosed.

From one side of the stage the 100-piece Woodrow Wilson High School Band, of Beckley, West Virginia, from the other the colorful Legion West Virginia Highlanders, of Elkins, awaited the big moment. With bagpipes skirling, bugles blaring and drums throbbing, the two outfits led the triumphal march.

After the tumult of the Commander's election had died away, National Adjutant Dudley again took the rostrum to call the



The Publications Commission, responsible for The American Legion Magazine, hears a report from Dr. Charles R. Logan, Keokuk, Ia. Presiding in this Dade County Court House courtroom is Chairman John Stelle.



New National Chaplain Rev. O. G. Birkeland, left, listens to his predecessor, Rabbi Lefkowitz, as Father E. J. Carney looks on.

meet the increased cost of living, a strong and forthright foreign policy, and explored all phases of the welfare of veterans.

A spirited floor fight developed when the report of the Foreign Relations Committee was presented to the convention by Chairman Rogers Kelley, Edinburg, Texas. A minority report eliminating the more vigorous pronouncements of the majority report was presented by Michael Leo Looney, District of Columbia, and signed by two other members of the Committee. An acrimonious debate resulted, and on roll call the minority report was tabled by a vote of 2881 to 131. The majority report was adopted with a roar.

This report condemned all efforts to appease communism or the communists; limiting the Marshall Plan aid to countries of Western Europe who show a will to rehabilitate themselves and this aid discontinued as soon as possible; clean house in the State Department by removing all who are not in full accord with the anti-communist movement; reaffirmed faith in the United Nations, the North Atlantic Pact, North Atlantic Treaty organization; called for forthright action in case of Wil-

Past Department Commander Larry Fenlon of Illinois challenged this decision and had the resolution brought to the floor for action. After a half dozen vigorous speeches pro and con, with a half dozen motions of varying import, and with side exchanges to straighten out the involved parliamentary situation, the resolution was defeated by a voice vote. Another resolution from the Department of Pennsylvania rejected by the Committee was, on motion of Department Adjutant Edward Linsky referred to the National Executive Committee.

Tension mounted in the great convention hall as the hour neared for the election of officers. Although word had passed around soon after the opening of the convention that all opposition to the election of Donald R. Wilson, 34-year-old Clarksburg, West Virginia, lawyer, had been withdrawn, thousands crowded into the auditorium to witness the dramatic finale of a history-making convention.

Clearing the decks for action, Commander Cocke called National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley to the rostrum to call the roll of Departments. Alabama yielded

roll for the election of the five National Vice Commanders. After ten departments had been called, with the top Departments yielding to those with favorite sons, the roll call was discontinued and the five who had been named were unanimously elected. They are: Thomas E. Paradine, New York; Oscar Rohlf, Casper, Wyoming; Adolph Bremer, Winona, Minnesota; Audley H. Ward, Aiken, South Carolina, and Frank R. Kelley, Boston.

The Reverend Olaf G. Birkeland, Whitehall, Wisconsin, who served as Chaplain in the Armed Forces in two World Wars, was named National Chaplain and was inducted into office by his predecessor, Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr.

The convention came to a close in another dramatic moment when Past National Commander Louis Johnson—member of the same Legion Post and chief of the newly elected Commander's law firm—presented the colors to National Commander Wilson with an eloquent charge that thrilled all who heard it. Past National Commander Alvin Owsley, of Texas, presented the colors to retiring National Commander Cocke.

GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Here are some of the big headline attractions of the convention, plus a few lesser diversions.



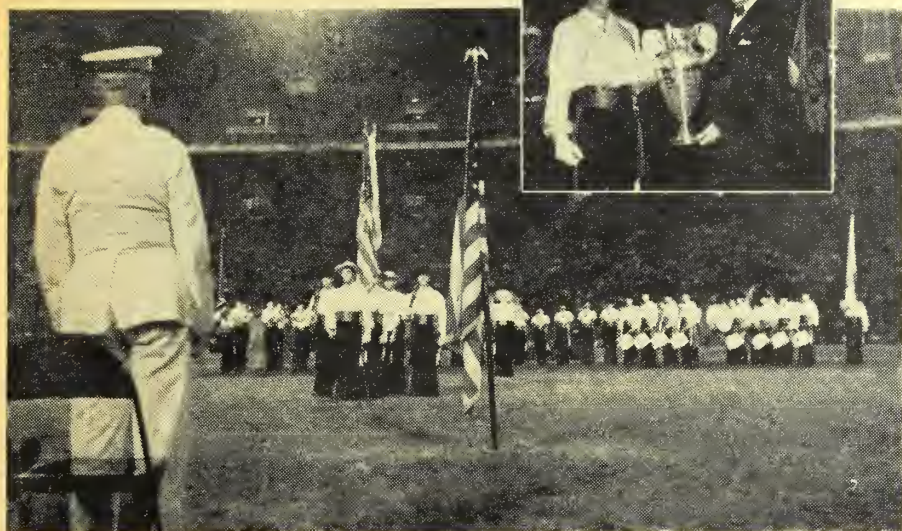
Screen star Walter Pidgeon made four Legionnaires happy by picking their names in the big Seagram contest. The four lucky members got Fords.



Jim Wood of Woodlawn Post, Birmingham, Ala., reeled in this 70-pound sailfish being subdued by George Pitts of Burtnor Post, Greensboro, N. C. Captain Farmer of the cruiser *What Fun* is at right.



After marching with his fellow Legionnaires, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reviewed the big parade. Marching past is a unit of the crack Garbarina-Mazarakos Drum & Bugle Corps., of New York.



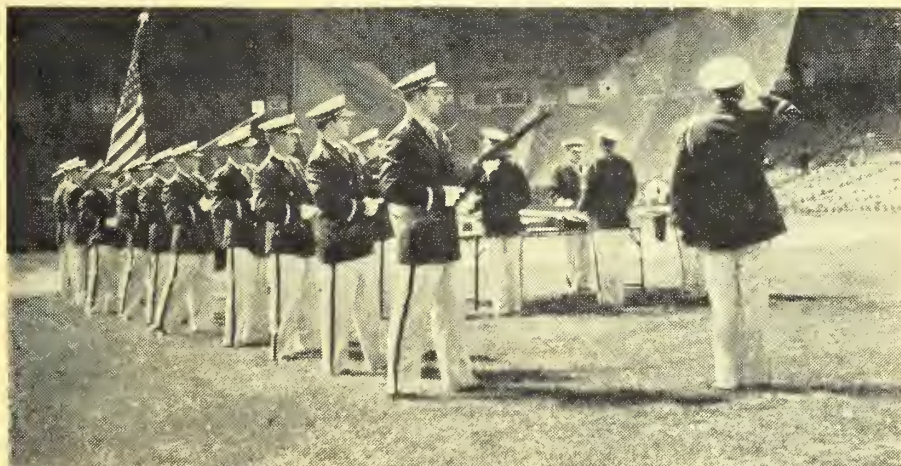
A dark-horse winner in the Drum & Bugle Corps competition in the Orange Bowl was this snappy outfit from Hawthorne, N. J., Post 199. Inset shows Drum Major Marshall Mura accepting trophy from the National Commander.



Among the many floats in the big parade, Mississippi's entry proved popular. One reason was this Southern belle.



The Stars and Bars and Confederate caps were much in evidence.



All over Miami contests of various kinds were held. This sharp Schlitz rifle team competed in events held at Miami Stadium.



All branches of service took part in the parade. This contingent of soldiers evoked much applause from spectators.



For the sixth time, Harwood Post of Joliet, Ill., won the national band contest, held at Bayfront Park.

PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS

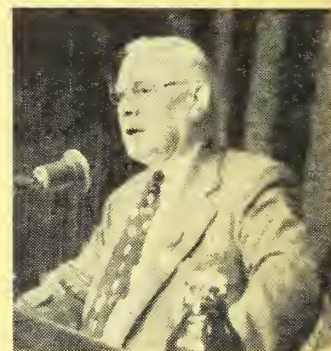
Among those present at the 33rd National Convention were these interesting personalities.



Sweetheart of the convention was gracious Mrs. Douglas MacArthur, shown here with Mrs. Willis C. Reed, Auxiliary head.



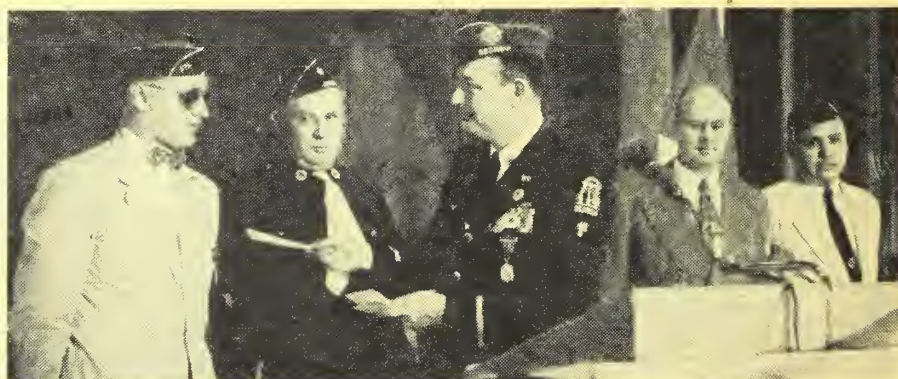
Honored guests of the convention were these three Medal of Honor winners of the Korean war, Sgt. Ernest Kouma, Capt. Raymond Harvey and Lt. (jg) Thomas J. Hudner. At left is Vice Admiral Joel T. Boone.



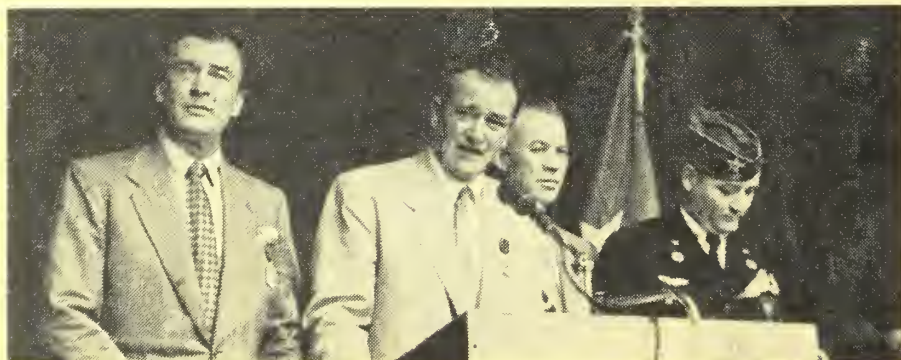
Vigor marked the speech of William Green, President, the American Federation of Labor.



Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, aide to General MacArthur, was introduced.



Top winners in the Legion's "Operation Survival" were these four men who received \$1,000 checks: Thomas S. Hasbrook, Indianapolis; Douglas B. Davenport, New Lisbon, Wisc.; Charles A. Boswell, Birmingham; L. A. Moore, Gadsden, Ala.



Honored for their Americanism were movie stars Walter Pidgeon, John Wayne and Ward Bond. The citation was made at Convention Hall.

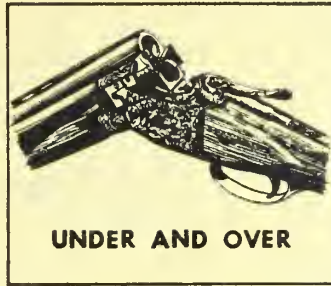


Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, at National Security meeting.

Which shotgun is your choice ?



DOUBLE BARREL



UNDER AND OVER

DOUBLE BARREL vs. UNDER AND OVER: You'll hear some pretty heated arguments among hunters about the merits of these two types of shotguns.

The old timer who's been hunting with shotguns for years will often favor the traditional *double-barrel* design. While the man who does a great deal of rifle shooting, will probably prefer the *under-and-over* type of barrel arrangement.

Both these types of shotguns are non-automatic, have a capacity of two shells, are manually operated for loading and ejecting, and weigh about the same. That leaves it up to *you* to decide which is best for your own use. So try them both, because *you're the expert* that counts.



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Highest Awards in "Operation Comeback" Go To Blind and Maimed Veterans; 586 Entries

Two blinded veterans, a multi-tortured prisoner of the Japs, and the victim of a direct hit of an artillery shell which caused paralysis were named top winners of the Legion's "Operation Comeback" by the Board of Judges on September 21. Each of the four handicapped veterans was awarded a cash prize of \$1,000 and a fully-paid trip to the National Convention of The American Legion at Miami, October 15-18.

First place winners were Thomas C. Hasbrook, a blinded veteran of 6001 Haverford Street, Indianapolis, Indiana; Charles A. Boswell, also blinded, of 111 Hermosa Drive, Birmingham, Alabama; Lewis Astor Moore, a victim of Japanese atrocities, of 107 Hillside Circle, Gadsden, Alabama, and Douglas B. Davenport, a paralytic as a result of a direct shell hit, of New Lisbon, Wisconsin.

There were 16 other winners in this nation-wide contest, four of whom received \$400 each; four being enriched by \$200 each; four by \$100 each, and five (the result of a tie) received \$50 each.

"Operation Comeback" was conducted by the Legion as a letter-writing contest by handicapped veterans on the theme "How I Overcame My Handicap." Each story was required to be told in not more than 500 words in which the veteran who had suffered physical handicaps—either service-incurred or in the post-war years—told the extent to which he or she had made physical, social, economic, industrial and spiritual readjustment.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

26th Signal Assn., (26th Signal Construction Bn.)—5th annual reunion, Asbury Park, N. J., Nov. 3. Details from Jerry F. Lachman, 269 Monroe St., Easton, Pa.

7th General Hospital Assn.—6th annual dinner dance, New York City, Saturday Nov. 3; Hotel Governor Clinton, 7th Ave. and 31st St. Info from Frank Samperi, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

CASU 38—Reunion, Nashville, Tenn., March 21-23, 1952. Details from L. M. Steele, 427 E. Ferguson, Tyler, Tex., or Granville Peets, 10432 Occidental Ave., Seattle 88, Washington.

314th Engineers, 89th Div., (WW1)—Reunion, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 3. Details from C. A. Koenig, 3911 Chippewa St., St. Louis 16, Mo.

2nd Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Bn.—33rd Armistice Day anniversary reunion, New York City, Sunday, Nov. 11. All members invited. Write John M. Paul, (Postmaster) White Plains, N. Y.

Co. E, 138th Infantry, 35th Div., (WW1)—Annual reunion, St. Louis, Mo., Armistice Day, Nov. 11; York Hotel, 6th and Market Sts. Banquet and smoker; info from Art Schawacker, Publicity Director, 5334 Delor St., St. Louis 9, Mo.

Transportation Corps, AEF—Reunion, Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 8. Write J. J. Rudolph, Secy., 429 Woodlawn Ave., Collingwood, N. J., for details.

77th Division—Annual reunion dance, New York City, Saturday, Nov. 10; Roosevelt Hotel. Information from Dance Committee, 77th Division Assn., 28 East 39th St., New York 16, N. Y.

16th Armored Div. Assn.—Info on reunion, organization and membership from C. H. Noble, 127 Ivy Lane, San Antonio 9, Texas.

Co. M, 397th Infantry—3rd annual reunion, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 25-26. All personnel write Donald E. Elstad, Chairman, Lakeville, Minn.

6th Seabee Assn.—Reunion for October, 1952, being planned. All ex-members get in touch with James S. Trainer, Permanent Secy., Steelville, Mo.

JAMES K. FISK PASSES ON; CAL. ADJUTANT 21 YEARS

James K. Fisk, 69, Department Adjutant of California from 1924 until 1945, died at Berkeley, California, on September 10 following a cerebral hemorrhage. Unmarried, he had lived in Berkeley for many years and was a member of Berkeley Post No. 7, which he served as Commander in 1921-22. He was born at Helena, Montana, and was a graduate of the University of California.

Legionnaire Fisk served as a Captain, Air Force, in WWI. He interested himself in the Legion immediately upon return to civilian life and during his years of service as Department Adjutant few Legionnaires had a wider acquaintance throughout the whole organization.

Funeral services were held at Oakland, California, on September 14.

The contest, which closed on September 1 with 586 entries, produced a sermon of personal suffering, morale building and fortitude with each letter. There were double and triple amputees, paraplegia, polio, tuberculosis and the entire gamut of other ills that befall mankind. A selection from the letters will later be reproduced in booklet form for distribution to hospitals in the hope that other handicapped persons will benefit by the "comeback" stories of these veterans who had a rebirth after life seemingly had passed them by.

Handicaps were not limited to war injuries. In fact, Mr. Hasbrook, who took one of the first place awards, suffered his injury at Camp Lejeune when a land mine exploded while he was training on a combat course. There, too, is Mrs. Ellen Hayes Ahearn of Chicago, a former WAVE, who tied with Otho E. Hawes, Eugene, Oregon, in the fifth class, who suffered multiple sclerosis but gamely made her comeback physically, economically and spiritually. She is now working in the Crime Prevention Bureau in Chicago.

Money for the contest, both for prizes and administrative expenses, was provided by an anonymous donor in New York City. Checks were presented to the top winners at the Miami Convention.

The final judges for the contest, which opened in June, were Dr. Ross T. McIntyre, former Presidential physician and presently head of the President's Committee for the Employment of the Physically Handicapped; Dr. Verne K. Harvey, Medical Director of the United States Civil Service Commission; Perry Faulkner, Chief of the Veterans' Employment Service of the Department of Labor, and T. O. Kraabel, Director of Rehabilitation, The American Legion, all of Washington, and Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, WW1

ace and President of the Eastern Air Lines; William Randolph Hearst, Publisher, and Dr. Edward Sheckmann, all of New York City.

Other Comeback Winners

Second place winners of \$400 each were: Peter J. McKenna, Jr., 2911 7th Street N. E., Washington, D. C.; Douglas R. Stringfellow, 566 24th Street, Ogden, Utah; Ralph J. Anslow, 6823 Marcile Avenue, Glendora, California, and Ralph J. Andres, Rural Route, Fairbury, Nebraska.

In third place with awards of \$200 each were: Joseph Press, 156 Goffe Terrace, New Haven, Connecticut; Jeptha C. Tanksley, 93 Princeton Way, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia; Edward J. Hoyczyk, 601B Allenhurst Road, Buffalo, New York; and Irvin P. Schloss, 2901 18th Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

Fourth place winners, each one receiving a check for \$100, were: John R. Collins, Ashland, Illinois; William Kleinmanns, 581 Highland Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey; Robert C. Harris, VA Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, and Robert J. Sterling, 17 Flint Street, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Five winners in fifth place were awarded \$50 each when a tie in points scored occurred in judging the letters of the last two. The winners were: Clayton L. McCleskey, 702 Magnolia Drive, Waycross, Georgia; Robert D. Melcher, 3450 Carmona Avenue, Los Angeles 16, California; Charles J. DeLong, 126 Brandwood Drive, Montgomery, Alabama; Otho E. Hawes, 2953 Portland Street, Eugene, Oregon, and Mrs. Ellen Ahearn, 61 East Goethe Street, Chicago 10, Illinois.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Co. A, 21st Infantry, 24th Div.—Will anyone who served with me in this outfit in SWPA, 1942-1944, please write. Statements needed for claim. Lawrence Brennan, 12 Ashmun St., Springfield, Mass.

Co. D, 276th Infantry, 70th Div., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.—Need to contact men this outfit, particularly 1st Sgt. Fred M. Massey. Statements needed. Don A. Baird, 14519 Fidel Ave., Norwalk, Cal.

Medical Corps, Base Hosp., Camp Grant, Ill.—Will anyone above station in 1920 please write. C. C. Ballance, R1, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

234th Field Artillery, Camp Stewart, Ga.—Will men who served with me this outfit summer of 1943, please write. Need statements to complete claim. James J. Tatum, C/o J. Hanify, 720 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

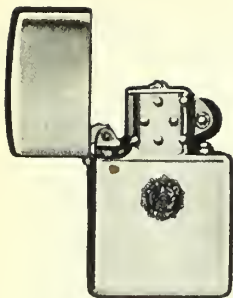
Co. C, 820th Engineers—Aviation Bn.—Charles M. Donley, McGehee, Ark., now a patient in VA Hospital, urgently needs to locate service comrades, particularly Harvey Hatzel, Gene Stemkey, William Boland, Gordon Lamb, and Joe Acker. Will these men or anyone who knows their present addresses please write Wm. V. O'Brien, Arkansas Veterans Service Office, 221 Main St., Little Rock, Ark.

Aircraft Maintenance, ATC, Casablanca—Need to contact Albert O. Verick and William (Slim) Williams who served with me this station summer of 1944. Statements needed. Wayne R. Headington, Rt. 3, Decorah, Iowa.

8th FA Brigade—Need to locate Sgt. Frank Grounder this outfit at Schofield Barracks, 1932-33, who treated me after baseball injury. Will anyone who knows his present address please write. Horace T. Cull, Adjutant, Douglas Laws Post No. 52, American Legion, Harrodsburg, Ky.

156th or 165th Infantry, Medical Det. (WW1)—Will 1st Lt. Alfred J. Landrigan (Dental officer), or anyone who knows his present address please write. Grover C. Bodenhamer, Kernersville, N. C.

Transportation Corps, Recruit Training, Camp Kilmer, N. J., (WW2)—Will anyone who remembers Cpl. Russell Crews Gray, particularly LeRoy Walters, please write him at Colfax, N. C., or Grover C. Bodenhamer, Service Officer, John T. Ring Post No. 36, Kernersville, N. C.



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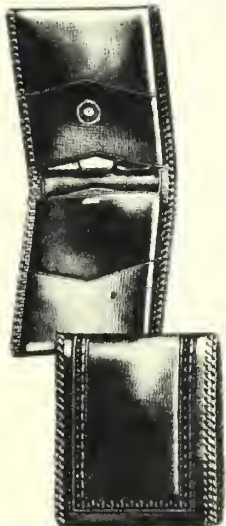
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Do Colleges Have To Hire Red Professors?

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of its educational institutions. You can just look over the lists of the "peace" organizations and committees devised by the communists on Stalin's behalf during the last two years and be shocked at the scores of educators lending themselves to these purposes. The best place to learn about this is the *Report on the Communist "Peace" Offensive, A Campaign to Disarm and Defeat the United States*. This was issued on April 1, 1951 by the Committee on Un-American Activities. What I observed immediately in glancing over these lists was the great number of professors whom I had formerly known as very deeply concealed communists who were now brought out into the light of day on these fronts by the order of the party. Again, to my great surprise, there were a number of people from the universities who formerly had been too shy or afraid politically to associate with red fronts, and who now had been induced to do so. Not only professors but students also in considerable numbers were represented in these subversive committees and groups.

These professors aiding Stalin came from all over the United States, and the representation from our leading universities was both extensive and disturbing.

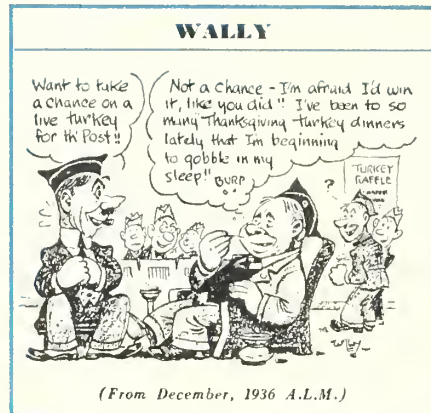
Just how disturbing this should be can be seen from some of the few selections that I can make of people whom I knew rather well. These selections also show Mr. and Mrs. Average American how the pro-red college professor is used to hide and protect the organized subversion of the Soviet fifth column.

There is, for instance, Dr. Henry Pratt Fairchild, the 71-year-old professor of economics and sociology at New York University. Hundreds of students in America's largest city are influenced by him every year. Among them are some young men upon whose loyalty we must count in our fighting forces. I have had a number of personal conversations with Dr. Fairchild in his office at Washington Square and have learned from them how devoted he is to communist causes. It is no surprise to note that he is a chief sponsor of the first of the recent "peace" conferences rigged up to help out Stalin's aggressions. That was the so-called World Peace Congress of 1949, organized by such Soviet agents as Boleslaw K. Gebert, whose record of subversion runs from his activities in Chicago and Detroit as an illegal alien over to his present assignments on a world scale for the Kremlin. It must not be forgotten that Gebert was a big figure also in the International Workers Order, the insurance adjunct to the red conspiracy in this country, and through that organization he met Fairchild on many an occasion. But of course our New York University professor shows his color thoroughly by his membership in forty communist fronts.

One of the many pro-communist acts upon which Dr. Fairchild prides himself, when one gets talking to him, is his leading part in the committee which attacked the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1940. It was then that the communists were doing

everything in their power to prevent production for this country and Britain and planning "to turn the imperialist war into civil war" on behalf of Hitler. The FBI had arrested a number of members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, red organization of those who fought in Spain under Stalin's banner, and thereby nipped a plot to create violent demonstrations in our chief industrial centers. But the committee of university professors, in which Fairchild played such a major part, denounced the FBI for seeking to "spread hysteria and terror" and threw over this sedition the protecting mantle of "constitutional rights."

Among the rather prominent educators



who associated themselves with Fairchild in this protection of the reds' move for violence were such veterans of communist fronts as Dr. Dorothy Brewster of Columbia University, Professor Eda Lou Walton of Fairchild's own institution, the late F. O. Matthiessen of Harvard, Dr. Robert S. Lynd of Columbia and Sarah Lawrence College, Vida D. Scudder, professor emerita of Wellesley College, and Professor Goodwin Watson of Teachers College, Columbia. Another member of the group was Ralph Gundlach of the University of Washington, recently discharged from that institution on the ground of being a communist. He was immediately offered a post on the faculty of an Eastern university.

There is something bizarre, not to say tragic, in the parents of the Empire State supporting men like Fairchild who lend their energies to the nation's injury. Can New York afford such a luxury, at the time when young men are being drafted to the service and older men taxed heavily for the purpose of halting Soviet aggression? Parents in this state have an obligation to bring this to the attention of Governor Thomas E. Dewey, under whose general jurisdiction there function Columbia University, Cornell University, the City College of New York, and other institutions in which communists or their close associates are members of the faculty. The spotlight of legislative inquiry, both for privately endowed as well as tax supported institutions, would go far toward helping these colleges to help themselves in reorganizing their teaching staffs.

A cleaning-up is in order.

Out in the state of Pennsylvania, a prominent member of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, Stalinist creation to aid the cold war against the United States, was Professor Marion Hathway, whose career I have been familiar with for eighteen years. Although a member of approximately twenty communist fronts, she has retained her position as head of the Department of Social Work of the supposedly conservative University of Pittsburgh. As an indication of her longtime devotion to causes which aid Stalinism, it may be mentioned that she was outstanding as a sponsor of the Spanish Rescue Ship Mission of 1941, devised to bring such professional agents of Moscow as Gerhart Eisler and Paul Merker to this continent. We must remember that this group was transformed later into the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, which under the direction of Robert William Weiner, head of the conspiratorial fund of the communist international apparatus, smuggled many leading reds into this country. Over the years as a communist, I heard many professional workers and specifically social workers state that they had become followers of the red conspiracy due to Professor Hathway's constant association with groups sympathetic to the communists.

In their infiltration of schools, the communists and their friends do not pause at religious institutions. I have in mind Joe Fletcher, whom I knew first when he was a theological student and who is now the Reverend Joseph Fletcher, professor of Christian Ethics at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass. For more than two decades he has been actively sympathetic with communist causes and has lent his name to at least ten communist fronts. The impression which he gives to theological students is something akin to that which was exercised by Dr. Harry F. Ward, Methodist minister, over a great number of years as Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York. In other words, each turned out a number of communist-minded students. One of Dr. Ward's products is now national legislative representative of the communist party, a post charged with the most secret and conspiratorial work of the Soviet fifth column.

Another acquaintance of mine who worked the religious and educational fields extensively is Jerome Davis, member of fifty communist fronts, and well-known for his propaganda on behalf of the Soviet dictatorship in all sorts of schools and religious groups.

A graduate of both Union Theological Seminary and Columbia, Dr. Davis has made a number of trips to Soviet Russia as a friend of the dictatorship. He has always returned to present such an extravagantly favorable picture of conditions there as to draw indulgent smiles from those in the open communist party. Describing himself to me as "a crusader for the new age which the Soviet Union represents," Davis has had much influence on college campuses on behalf of the Soviet cause. He is one illustration of a process of which

parents must be advised, the introduction of pro-red ideas and propaganda into the minds of students and instructors through campus lectures, teachers' workshops, and other extra-curricular college activities. This is a practice which has gone down into the high schools with professors who hold to a view sympathetic to the communists leading the discussions of teachers and students.

Hard on the heels of Dr. Davis in service to the communist cause, although in a quiet manner, is Professor Colston E. Warne of the faculty of small and conservative Amherst College, the alma mater of Calvin Coolidge. Although a member of thirty communist fronts and a leading figure in the Consumers Union, which the communists have used to penetrate other groups, Warne has remained for twenty years on Amherst's teaching staff. His case reminds us that while, when I was a part of the communist conspiracy, the chief concentration spots in the educational world for the communists and their fellow-travelers were in Harvard, Columbia, the University of Chicago, New York University, and certain large west coast colleges, the smaller colleges and universities were not at all overlooked.

These realities give to the parent some new responsibilities. It is necessary that he realize it is no longer possible to choose a college for his child because of its general reputation or alleged high academic standing, although these are important. There is also required on the part of the parent the duty of checking on what goes on during the college year. That includes a knowledge of what communist fronts certain professors adhere to, what slants are being given in the classrooms, and what influences outside the regular curriculum are being exerted on the student. The parent who has had no college education need not be intimidated at all in these matters. As a professor, I know some of the problems of teachers and can say that the parent can make quite a contribution on occasion as a citizen to the safeguarding of patriotic education. If, during the present school year, there seems to be cause for concern, in regard to red infiltration where your child is being educated, there is no more reason why you should not take this up with the president of the university than if this student were exposed to other improper practices or companions.

As a measure of national security, it is also essential that every parent insist upon a full-dress investigation of certain colleges, so far as the communist influences and infiltration go. The states provide the funds for these schools and grant the charters under which they exist. The facts in regard to red infiltration are available. They can be found in the reports of the Committee on Un-American Activities, the researches of *Counterattack*, and in the files of The American Legion. From my own experiences in the communist conspiracy, I know of more than 500 educators who are under the direction of the Soviet fifth column, and documentary evidence will easily support such knowledge.

Aware of what such investigations would divulge concerning the red conspiracy, the communists have raised the cry of "academic freedom," and urged a "struggle

against Nazi-like control of the mind." These are the clarion calls of the latest, that is the fifteenth, national convention of the Soviet column. In the official proceedings we read denunciations of "the Fascist blacklist and censorship campaign," coupled with these explanations: "An outstanding example of resistance to fascization of the college campus has been the struggle against the 'loyalty' oath in California. There is mounting indignation and protest on the part of parent-teacher associations against militarizing the public schools and terrorizing the minds of children with atom bomb 'defense' drills."

It is quite obvious from this and other statements what the communists are after: To leave our civilian defense completely unprepared and our school children at the mercy of any invaders. That symbolizes their whole effort within the school systems—to make our youth both spiritually and intellectually unprepared for America's defense. Unless we understand that, we don't know what the communists are about. Their cry of "fascist" and "fascism" incidentally, is an old device to intimidate patriotic teachers into silence or isolation on the campuses. It has been successful on more than one occasion, to my own personal knowledge.

Curiously, despite our imminent danger from the reds, it is still possible to work up many people by trumpeting that academic freedom is in jeopardy. At the commencement exercises of Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York, whose own faculty deserves a searching investigation, Professor Henry Steele Commager, the historian, spoke up on behalf of "greater intellectual freedom in higher education." According to the *New York Times* of May 31, "Professor Commager declared that education was under attack from Massachusetts to California, not with communism as the actual issue but instead an unwise demand for conformity and censorship of ideas."

One is tempted to wonder where Professor Commager has been all this while,

that he can say that communism is not "the actual issue." With almost 100,000 casualties in Korea and a number of his own colleagues on the Columbia University faculty aiding the Krenlin's war upon us by their "peace" sponsorships, the worthy historian has been struck with a strange color-blindness in not being aware of the widespread activities of the communists in our colleges. His talk of "censorship" is absurd and even tragic, since the communist question in education is not one of views alone. It is an incontestable fact that every communist educator or red sympathizer teaching in higher education is an active agent of the conspiracy, whose orders he must obey. In his own field, he is just as deadly as a Soviet espionage agent.

From 1937 on, I sat in sessions of the highest governing circles of the communist party in this country and heard the leading reds, under Moscow instructions, map out the duties and "tasks" of the red professor and school teacher. On occasion, I gave such directions myself, as a member of the national committee of the red organization.

These communist educators, like all members of the fifth column, cannot merely hold certain opinions; they must act. Although they were not expected to be rash and thus expose themselves to the loss of their positions, they were constantly to be engaged in forwarding the red objectives. The fundamental instructions for all of these soldiers in the ranks of Stalin's army were laid down by William Z. Foster in September 1938, in an article in *The Communist*. It was entitled: "The Communist Party and the Professionals," and was referred to as basic instructions in all red discussions on infiltration of the schools.

The very first thing required of these educators is "a thorough readiness to accept party discipline." They were also to receive a thorough "Marxist-Leninist education." They were obliged, in addition, to get into action, ordered to "fight" on behalf of the cause. This made necessary, among other things stressed by Foster, that



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"our teachers must write new school textbooks and rewrite history from the Marxian viewpoint." The professors who were scientists were also ordered to "organize the battle" for spreading Marxist-Leninist ideology among their fellows. This is now repeated more sharply at the fifteenth national convention, when it is stated directly that the scientist-professors must take "a clear and consistent stand against the attempt to pervert their knowledge in the service of imperialistic destruction." Anyone halfway familiar with communist directives understands at once that this means an order to the scientists to halt by any means America's defense preparations.

All of these commissions to act—for the teacher in the classrooms, the historian, and the scientists—have been carried out in the intervening years since 1938. While I was in the party, I watched the constant red progress in all these fields from the reports made to the national committee. And this work among college professors was one of the main concerns of the red conspiracy.

When the communist teacher could not conveniently or safely get out his own Marxist textbook, he persuaded a colleague of a "liberal" slant to do so. As to the work among the scientists, that became a special concentration. Not only did the cultural commission, headed by Alexander Trachtenberg and V. J. Jerome, make this a large part of its work, having a good jumping-off place in the National Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions; others like Milton Howard of the *Daily Worker* editorial board and the Soviet espionage agent, Steve Nelson, were also specifically assigned to that field. We see something of this assignment's success in the revelations surrounding the conviction of the Rosenbergs here and of Dr. Klaus Fuchs abroad.

The American Civil Liberties Union has just acknowledged that communists should be prevented from entering the United States, and it has also given some indication that in its opinion alien reds functioning here should be deported. This change of attitude on this matter is based on the thought that a democracy has the right to protect itself from those who would destroy its civil liberties and academic freedom, as the communists quite brazenly plan to do. By a like token, we have every right to defend our young people from those who would poison their minds in behalf of the Soviet dictatorship, particularly when these educators are under orders to recruit young men and women into seditious enterprises.

It is unfortunate that the National Education Association, which should be in the first line against seditious influences in the schools, has chosen to find fault with those opposed to the spread of communist infiltration. At the San Francisco convention of the NEA last summer, several prominent members even went to the extent of making wild charges to the effect that those hitting at the reds in the educational institutions were actually trying to cut down funds for schools and colleges. This is not only untrue; an examination of the pages of the *Daily Worker* will reveal that it is the favorite communist trick to obscure the issue. In a letter of July 10 to the *New*

York Times, Otto E. Dohrenwend, chairman of the Citizens Committee in Scarsdale, New York, put a pertinent question to the NEA when he asked: "Why is it that the NEA gets angry at people who expose communist influences in the schools rather than at the infiltrators who are the real enemies of our public schools?"

Communism's theory and practice should be a subject of instruction in the schools, but on the basis of its reality as a Slave System, and not on the extravagant fictions brought over here by men like Dr. Philip Morrison of Cornell and Owen J. Lattimore of Johns Hopkins University. The students should be given a historic knowledge of the Kremlin's plans to achieve world conquest through the promised "World October," that is, the achievement throughout the globe of the seizure of power which brought Lenin and then Stalin into the dictatorship. They should know of the official red salutations to Stalin as "the leader, teacher, and friend of the peoples of the world" and of the official declarations that Soviet Russia is "the fatherland of the toilers of the world," under which sedition is nurtured in every country.

Since every red teacher must advance these Stalinist aims, every thoughtful person will approve of the loyalty oath which tends to separate the seditious from the patriotic in our school systems. Even more than this is required, that the spotlight of thorough investigation be thrown on all our colleges and universities. Only those who injure the United States will be injured by such an investigation. Had there been such an investigation in the past on an adequate basis, New York University would not now have against its record the career of Margaret Schlauch, former professor of English there and member of fifty communist fronts. Although she followed every twist and turn of the red line, and although she gave valuable secret advice to the Politburo, she remained undisturbed at a university partly supported by public funds for 26 years. One of Dr. Schlauch's big achievements was the organization of large groups of students in the communist May Day parade of 1941, which was dedicated to all-out aid to Hitler. Through her advice and work among faculty members of various colleges, sizeable delegations of the American Student Union featured that parade, from the City College of New York, Brooklyn College, Hunter College, Queens College, New York University, Sarah Lawrence College, Columbia University, and Barnard College. It was just at the time when the Rapp-Coudert Committee was looking into subversion in the public schools, and these delegations chanted as they marched: "Stop the Rapp Investigation!"

Now, Margaret Schlauch has crowned her subversive career by shaking from her feet the dust of America and leaving triumphantly to teach in the schools of red Poland, thus aiding the Soviet oppression there. She could perform this service for Stalin abroad since she had incubated so many reds down on Washington Square.

A final reason why a thorough investigation of our colleges is long overdue arises from a development most dangerous to national security. It is the fact that comi-

munist professors not only work for their causes in the classroom where they are publicly teaching, but frequently give marked aid to the schools of sedition organized by the communist party. There are instructors from a number of large universities secretly serving on commissions which have built up the secret training schools of the party or which have established the more open red schools such as the so-called Jefferson School for Social Science. Some men and women have eventually been drawn openly from the teaching staffs of colleges and school systems to man these red creations. Then, too, growing out of the secret work for the conspiracy while still in the colleges, a number of professors have been brought

directly into leadership in the communist apparatus. Dr. Samuel Sillen of the English department of New York University, a close friend of Margaret Schlauch, was moved over to the *Daily Worker* as editor of the "cultural page." This was done in order that he might also serve as a valuable member of the red cultural commission. Dr. Albert Blumberg, who was an honored member of the faculty of Johns Hopkins University a few years back, left his college post to become district leader for the reds in Maryland and the District of Columbia. There he was, of course, most active in the direction of espionage and infiltration work at the national capital. Not the least of his advantages in carrying on this underground work was his widespread

acquaintance with college faculty members. In the face of this evidence, which is only a fraction of that which I could produce, the parent cannot throw up his hands and say "there is no use to do anything." The American Legion has given a very good lead and it deserves support. What we have to encourage is more direct interest in the colleges. Citizenship requires a lively and intelligent interest in what is happening on our faculties. Although we can say realistically and without any hysteria that communism has embedded itself rather deeply in certain colleges, parents can change this situation. The beginning of the school year can mark the first steps toward the end of communism in our universities. THE END

The Mighty .22

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Commission, and the National Rifle Association of America, have prepared a detailed program covering all essential features of youth training, pre-induction, civilian and auxiliary police training in the safe use and handling of firearms. It is up to every Legionnaire to familiarize himself with this program, assist it and participate in it for the benefit of our country.

The initial stages of this training are built around the lowly and little understood .22 rim-fire cartridge arms. Train a boy to use any standard American .22 rifle and you have given him all the basic knowledge he needs to grasp quickly the principles of the service rifle, the submachine gun, the bazooka, the machine gun and even the latest portable artillery — the recoilless 105 mm rifle! The elements of loading, aiming, sighting and firing effectively any of those arms are merely extensions of the elements of .22 rifle training!

If we remember that in the U.S. fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, hunting licenses were paid for by 12,626,539 Americans, most of whom use shotguns, it becomes immediately apparent that we have a tremendous reservoir to draw upon to provide *trained riflemen*.

All training must start with the relatively inexpensive .22 rim-fire cartridges. This mighty midget may not sound like much of an opponent to the 240-howitzer, but as a trainer it can speedily develop capable marksmen on the Swiss plan which can give us literally millions of potential "Davids" in a relatively short time.

As it is the National Rifle Association and its affiliated groups, including participating Legion units, are currently training over 100,000 youths per year on the .22 ranges. This, however, is only a drop in the bucket in our scheme of defense and with our vast population.

There are some 5,000 shooting ranges in this country, but only about 1,000 are for "big bore" work. The rest, indoor and out, provide the facilities to train with the .22, which is actually the best of all possible types for the beginner.

What are the chances of accidents? The N.R.A. supervised ranges are just about the safest places you can find for boys — and girls too — far safer on a national average than their own homes! Under the guidance of trained N.R.A. instructors, these super-

vised ranges have operated for years without a single fatal accident! Even private ranges such as those owned by the Williams Gun Shop at Davison, Michigan — it graduates about 250 children per year — and the famous Lyman Gunsight Company Range at Middlefield, Connecticut, used by tens of thousands yearly, are operated under N.R.A. qualified instructors.

What about "crime" aspects? Police Departments across the country, increasingly

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THESE ORGANIZATIONS WILL HELP YOU

The American Legion has a marksmanship program and advises members how to organize rifle teams. In addition, the Legion conducts several competitions and tournaments. For information write to:

The American Legion Magazine
580 Fifth Avenue
New York City 19

We will see that you receive the bulletins and folders of the Marksmanship Committee.

For those who want information concerning the establishment of clubs, building of ranges, and rules for tournament and competition shooting, write to:

The National Rifle Association of America
1600 Rhode Island Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Another excellent source of material is:

The Sporting Arms and Ammunition
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343 Lexington Ave., New York City 18

The Institute has a "Ranger" program to help beginners. Write and ask for their booklet "Aiming for Sport." This contains information on gun safety, care of weapons and answers to many beginners' questions.

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aware of the desirability of supervised arms training, are themselves operating training ranges in such diverse places as Sparrows Point, Maryland, Paterson, New Jersey, and the great city of Los Angeles, California. Even little old New York City,

stamping ground of the mentality that spawned the Sullivan Act, has proved out the value of a police-sponsored range as a morale builder in the slums of the City.

As to training rifles, familiarity with practically any of the standard commercial types will fit the student to handle their military equivalents. For instance, any man or boy who has been instructed in the use of a typical turn bolt .22 — Harrington & Richardson, Iver Johnson, Marlin, Mossberg, Remington, Savage or Winchester — single shot, box or tube magazine, will speedily grasp the loading, aiming and firing of arms such as our M-1903 (Springfield) series and our M-1917 (the Enfield every War I Legionnaire remembers).

The history of all modern firearms begins actually with the little .22 rim fire. It is the father of all the fixed-ammunition types from pistol cartridges to artillery loads. The initial development was the so-called "Flobert" cartridge produced in France for gallery shooting. As a simple copper case with folded rim, the fulminate under the rim being the only load.

In 1857 Horace Smith and Daniel Wesson, the founders of the illustrious arms company, introduced a .22 rim-fire cartridge unquestionably based on the Flobert. However, they lengthened the case and loaded it with powder, and provided a conical bullet. This was a remarkable achievement even by today's standards of manufacturing design; and they deserve fully as much credit for it as for the line of revolvers they developed.

While the issue revolvers of our Civil War were cap-and-ball guns which had to be loaded from the front end of the chambers and then individually capped at the rear, the most prized possession of officers of North and South were little Smith & Wesson top-hinged revolvers for the rim-fire .22 and .32 caliber cartridges! The speed of loading and rate of fire was recognized at once by everybody except the equipment boards.

The .22 S&W rim fire of 1857 was practically the same as the present day .22 short. However, not only the .22 short, but also its bigger brothers, the .22 long and the .22 long rifle have come a long way since then in accuracy and power.

Accident as well as design has played a part in making the .22 rim-fire long rifle

cartridge the most accurate in existence. For instance, there was the time one cartridge company was granted a picayune \$10,000 contract to develop more accurate .22's for Army training rifles. The company spent months of time and \$37,000 in research. But they met the Washington requirements for added accuracy. At the tests the ordnance officers were stunned by the small groups being shot. Finally, one bright boy asked to see the specification sheets. Somebody had made a mistake — this time in favor of the shooter. The specification called for accuracy of stated groups at 100 yards, and the specifications were being met. Actually, the service specifications were intended to read "100 feet"! The accuracy, in short, was three times the actual requirement!

Today the .22 BB and CB caps are still used occasionally by indoor shooters. They are far from harmless, since they develop velocities of 720 f.p.s. Going up the scale, the .22 short varies from 965 to 1155 feet per second velocity at the muzzle in the low and high speed varieties. These are excellent for indoor training up to 100 feet. Some of the world's finest records have been set with the .22 short ammunition used in pistols of the Olympic type. The .22 long is practically obsolete.

The .22 long rifle, however, is the cartridge which really serves as a trainer. Some varieties of this superb cartridge are accurate at 300 yards in calm air! At this distance they have been known to score 90 x 100 on the 200 yard decimal target with a 4 inch ten ring! The high speeds achieve velocities as high as 1365 f.p.s. and muzzle energies as high as 158 pounds, equal to that of the .32 auto pistol cartridge, and nearly half as great as the .45 service auto pistol! Definitely nothing to

fool with! In fact it is capable of shooting a full mile and still being dangerous. However, its trajectory — the curved flight of the bullet — limits its use for practical target use to about 75 yards for iron sight shooting. A good man with a telescope, however, can group his shots in a one inch circle at 100 yards. And most important of all — the same technique used will group .30-06 pattern bullets in a red's shirt front at 500 yards!

Important as the .22 rifle is for military training, especially in these days of hurried rearmament, it is still primarily a sporting arm. How many millions of Americans have learned to shoot with a .22 we can't tell, but there is a clue in the fact that .22 ammunition is turned out by the hundreds of millions of rounds yearly. This is still the gun used in the popular pastimes of plinking, hunting small game, killing vermin and for impromptu shooting matches, as against supervised tournaments.

The choice of rifle is one of personal preference. Many shooters, young and old, are captivated by the famous Marlin model 39-A. This is now the only lever action .22 being made and as every red-blooded youth who has ever seen a Western movie knows, it's the cowboy's favorite. The bolt action rifles are outstandingly popular and for anyone interested in tournament competition they are a must. The experts prefer the heavy barreled bolt action for target shooting and with correct ammunition the records hung up in competition by .22 target rifles are virtually fantastic.

Once the basic elements of safety, sighting, trigger squeeze and firing have been mastered, the fledgling shooter can be graduated to the semi-automatic rifle. Nearly every gun manufacturer makes one or more models of these so-called "auto-

matic" rifles. They are extremely versatile guns — one recent model, the Remington 550 has a special sliding chamber section which permits the shooter to use either .22 short, long or long-rifle ammunition interchangeably. The semi-automatics in the .22 caliber models most nearly approximate the military rifles such as the Garand and M-1 carbine.

Because American arms manufacturers have developed mass production methods to the nth degree, the price of .22 rifles and cartridges is surprisingly low. Indeed, an afternoon on the firing range will usually cost the shooter less than a dollar — which is excellent value when compared with the cost of other forms of recreation.

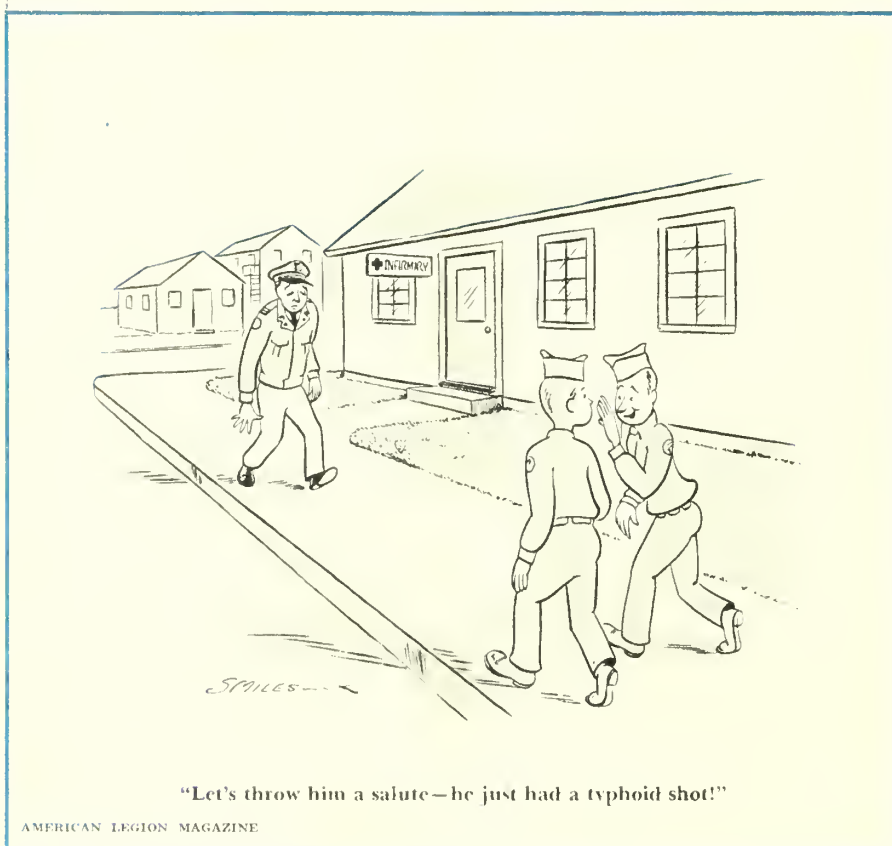
In view of the availability of equipment and its cheapness, it is indeed surprising that so few Americans know how to handle firearms. Not to mention the fact that so many Americans, lacking the confidence born of association, are actually afraid of guns when the chips are down.

At Camp Pendleton in California, Brigadier General "Chesty" Puller, one of our great Marine commanders back from Korea, is training his Marines on the theory that "We are going to lose the next war unless we go back to the rifle and bayonet." These arms, he states, are "the most important weapons an army has." Maybe he's taking in too much territory, but it is a fact that he is a fighting authority. No one can gainsay the terrific physical and psychological damage inflicted by the Sergeant Yorks of War I, the Audie Murphys of War II, and the Lieutenant Commiskeyes of Korea. Multiply them on the Swiss rifle training plan and who knows what they can accomplish?

General Puller may be right. Every American should know how to handle arms expertly long before he gets hauled in for that 60 hours' basic training. If individual American Legion Posts will get actively behind the Marksmanship and Americanism Committees on our shooting program, and put the "Li'l David" .22's to work efficiently, we can become on a vast scale the Minute Men our forefathers were.

But it's up to organizations such as The American Legion. Earlier I said that it was surprising that so few Americans knew how to handle firearms. It is, but there's a reason for it. Millions more Americans would know how to defend themselves and their country if they had facilities where they could learn how to handle guns. Virtually every American boy, and most girls, would like nothing better than a chance to develop skill with weapons, but there aren't nearly enough ranges and supervisors. And that's the Legion's opportunity. It's a job for which the organization is especially well fitted, since it requires the efforts of Post members, working in harmony with police and others in a community, to set up ranges and see that the ranges are properly manned. The first step, however, is to find out all you can about it. To assist you and your Post in this, we list herewith several sources of information. Write for this material, and then get together with fellow-Legionnaires and start in. Don't forget, a project of this sort can save the life of the kid next door or the youngster down the street from you.

THE END



"Let's throw him a salute—he just had a typhoid shot!"

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One Thing Leads To Another

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AWOL to divisional headquarters and asked to see the general. He didn't see the general but a colonel saw him, and sizing up the situation decided that the war would be less complicated if Sperber were separated from service. So, with his sniper's rifle and his asthma, Sperber was returned to the States in 1944.

Arriving in New York Sperber read the want ads and applied for a job with a sign painter. The place was a Bowery shop, located in the poorest and toughest section of Skid Row. He got the job because the other applicants had looked the dump over and had said "no thank you" to it.

Reporting for work the next morning he was given the task of ridding the place of rats which were running wild through the premises. After several months of this he gave up and found a job writing sales letters for a wholesaler. This taught him some advertising fundamentals, but it didn't pay much. After nearly a year Sperber decided there was no future in it.

The thing to do, he realized, was to get a business of his own. But what kind of business? One summer day while walking along the street, he had an inspiration. He'd start an advertising agency!

"I knew nothing about the work done by an advertising agency," he confesses, "but it seemed like a glamorous business and I knew there was money in it."

Hiring a mail drop which gave him a business address, along with phone and mail service, he named himself The Republic Advertising Agency, then set out on a search for clients.

Sperber's recipe for success is: Inspiration, Perspiration and Guts. He needed all three in the months that followed.

For weeks he pounded the pavements, and trudged up and down stairs combing the business district of midtown Manhattan. Every call was a cold one; every answer was "no." Then one day the break came. He walked into a little shop and in a way that he now realizes was pretty naive for "an advertising agency," he asked the proprietor if he needed any advertising. To Sperber's amazement, the man did. He had been toying with the idea of buying a full-page ad in a trade paper, when Sperber happened along.

Sperber had only the vaguest idea how to handle his first account. Although he had written advertising copy, his knowledge of art, layout and engraving was practically nil. In desperation he called the magazine in which the ad was to appear and told them to send him a salesman. That proved a smart move. The magazine man took him to lunch, gave him a quick course in advertising, helped him lay out the ad, told him where to buy the cuts, accepted the copy, thanked him and left. Sperber was now in business on his own!

The initial ad happily produced results and as time went on more clients were added to the agency's roster. Increased business, however, presented another problem. The mail drop set-up no longer sufficed: Sperber needed an office, and badly.



Meeting the Emergency. Telephone people not only worked valiantly to restore service but to keep it going. Dikes of sandbags were thrown around telephone offices. Switchboards raised above rising waters. Emergency power plants set up. Mobile radio telephones rushed to towns where telephone offices were washed out.

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its value in an emergency. By plane, fast freight and truck it rushed millions of feet of cable and wire, telephones, switchboards and other needed equipment.

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ens. Sperber made a deal with his dad for
the use of half of the desk—the woolens
still occupied the other half—and with the
addition of a wall telephone the Republic
Advertising Agency now at long last had
its own office.

It didn't take long for Sperber to learn
that a small advertising agency was an
eighteen-hour-a-day job with no time off
for weekends, holidays, vacations, illness or
anything else. He had business but his
commissions were moderate. He was mak-
ing money for clients, but not enough for
himself, and risking ulcers while doing it.
Again he surveyed the situation and de-
cided to act. Specifically, since clients
seemed to make money, he made up his
mind he'd be a client, his own client.

An inexpensive pocket microscope had
been submitted by a manufacturer who
thought it might be of interest for use as
a premium. Sperber looked it over and
liked it. He bought it, not for a premium
but as a product to sell. Then he formed
his own company to market it, commis-
sioned his own agency—Republic—to pro-
mote it, and started an additional business
all over again. Other manufacturers seeing
his advertising came in to offer their prod-
ucts. Sperber bought, and soon he was
selling binoculars, telescopes and medical
microscopes. Today that business, the
Stanley Optical Co., is one of the largest
distributors of optical goods in America.

From this venture Sperber learned two
things which have had a tremendous effect
on his future success. One: "Business is
somewhat of a chain reaction, where one
thing leads to another, one business a step-
ping stone to another business. It is a sort
of a super-rocket effect, where one rocket
sets off another and so on until the last
rocket reaches the moon." The other:
"Advertising does more than bring cus-
tomers. It brings opportunities, new prod-
ucts, new ideas, and new sources of
supply."

Sperber's success with his mail order
venture also further developed his Repub-
lic Advertising Agency, since it made it
possible for the agency to give better ser-
vice to Sperber's clients. His Hudson Gem
Co. is an example. Only a couple of years
old, this company already sells more syn-
thetic gems than any other in the world.
Hudson markets the Titanium Rutile, the
most perfect of man-made gems, and syn-
thetic rubies and star sapphires. Sperber
numbers quite a few pawnbrokers among
his customers. These have loaned real
dough on Rutiles believing them diamonds.
Now they want to have a sample handy
for means of comparison when making
future loans. And a gem that can pass a
hockshop test has got to be good!

However, Sperber came dangerously
near missing this gem bonanza. A lapidary
having seen his advertising brought him
the Titanium Rutile. Sperber, not experi-
enced in evaluating unmounted stones, was
unimpressed and decided to let it alone.
But fate handed him a raincheck. Later
while walking along West 47th Street,
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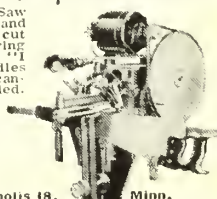
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supply of the gems and ran a test ad in a newspaper. Results proved that his hunch was a good one and thus again the chain reaction of one thing led to another.

The rockets are still zooming for Sperber. A few months ago his Hudson Gem advertising happened to be read by a fellow in Texas who had acquired a lot of Atomite, and was looking for ways to sell it. He reasoned that perhaps this Hudson outfit would handle his Atomite, so he offered it to Sperber. Knowing a good thing Sperber bought it—and the rocket zoomed on.

In case you're interested, Atomite is one of the strangest products ever offered for sale anywhere. It is made of atomic energy and desert sands. When they exploded the world's first atomic bomb in the desert of Almagordo, N. M., the heat of the blast was so intense that it fused the desert sands into a jade green glossy crust. Atomite is a specimen of this formation. It is still mildly radio-active, but well below the danger point. It sells for \$2.98, and orders are pouring in to Sperber from collectors and scientists. But that's not all. Atomite sent another rocket sailing in Sperber's direction. It got him thinking atom-wise and put him in the Geiger counter business. He is starting with two inexpensive models—one for uranium hunters, another for civil defense use. It's only a start but he's on his way.

Sperber himself is quite a guy. Interviewing him is like conversing with a cyclone. He's a mass of movement. Something's happening every moment, and there isn't a dull moment when you're with him.

He has an intense hatred of doors. His motto is "An open door—an open mind," and he lives up to it as far as the doors are concerned. He has a large establishment on Fifth Avenue, but even there where so many businessmen become aloof and unapproachable he doesn't shut himself off from opportunity. A battery of four telephones on his desk keeps communications open, and he even has a two-way radio telephone installed in his car so he's never out of touch with people. (If you want to talk to him when he's out driving, just ask your telephone operator to ring mobile telephone unit JP5-9225 New York.)

Sperber is convinced that there are just as many opportunities for success in America today as there ever were. "If a man can't make it here," he says, "then there's nowhere else he can. There are millions of opportunities; the trouble is so few capitalize on them. Of course it takes work, that is the hitch! Everybody seems to want to do it the easy way. They just sit on the bank, afraid to get their feet wet. They don't dare to buck the current. You've got to paddle like hell to swim upstream, but anybody, even a dead man, can float down."

Long shots never frighten him. He says that for every one money-maker there have been 200 duds. His ratio, he says, is nine to one. That is, he's had nine bad ones before hitting a winner. He once bet his bottom dollar promoting a head-strap binocular. It did not produce a single sale and even now he doesn't know why it failed to click.

He believes that anything can be sold by mail order and puts it this way: "If you



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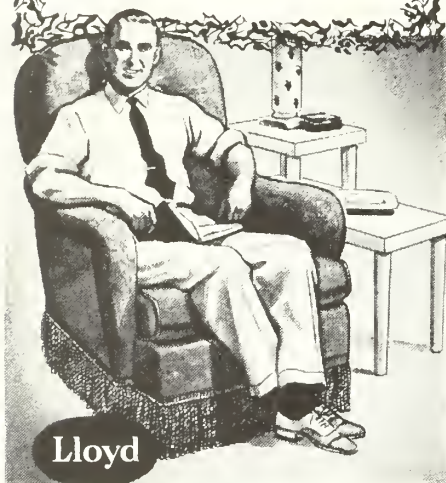
"Why did they want the record?" I asked him. "Very simple," he says. "They're going to play it over the loud-speakers in their stores—and then an announcer on another record reminds the customers that turkeys are plentiful and a good buy."

From where I sit, it's not always smart to make fun of someone just because he does things a little differently. I think a glass of beer is the most refreshing beverage there is. You—or Sonny—may prefer something else. But who's to decide one's right and the other's wrong? Let's stay "on record" that everyone's entitled to his own tastes and opinion.

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"I don't think any business is worth killing yourself for, and I try to enjoy myself in my business. After all, you spend a third of your life working, so why not be comfortable on the job?"

Sperber is comfortable on the job, and he enjoys himself, probably because he looks upon his business as just another big, fascinating hobby.

I asked Sperber what advice he had for anyone contemplating a mail order business, and here it is:

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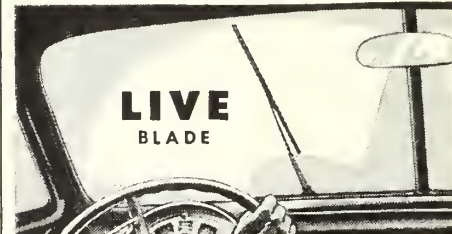
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Can You Retire Respectably With Your Social Security?

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payment—which is now \$69 per month for a couple—much farther than they can here. But old age benefits are not sent to countries where the U. S. Government is not sure the beneficiary will get it. This excludes the Iron Curtain countries.

A Chinese-American who was collecting his old age benefits in this country tried to include his wife who had just turned 65, in the deal. Unfortunately, she lives in China, where payments may not be sent. Hence Social Security officials have accepted her application but do not pay her.

An Irish couple from Chicago went back to the old sod to spend their last years and their 90 Social Security dollars per month. They got along very well on the dollars in Eire, but they found that their years in the U. S. had made them strangers in their native island. They came back.

"We're just off the boat," the husband explained. "We've decided we'd rather spend the rest of our lives in this country. We may get less for our dollars, but we prefer life in America."

Most important feature of retiring with Social Security is the planning you've done to have some other retirement income as well, at 65, and to have all unnecessary expenditures—such as mortgage payments and insurance premiums—end by age 65.

Many Americans retire on Social Security when they have other income as well, though they would not have been able to retire so comfortably on the other income alone. For instance, a New York City policeman began to collect his police pension when he reached the age of 60. Meanwhile, for the next five years, he worked as a night watchman in employment covered by Social Security. Today, under the new Social Security law, he is fully insured. He collects enough from the two pensions to live more than comfortably. His next move, he says, will be to buy a chicken farm in the suburb of the mid-western city where he now lives.

The retired policeman with two incomes—and a third planned—is typical of many persons retiring on Social Security today. For, as Oscar Ewing (head of the Federal Security Agency) and Congressman Doughton (chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee) will admit, Social Security does not, by itself, generally provide you with enough income to retire on. Nor is it intended to.

A major objective of Social Security is to take many men and women over 65 out of full-time employment. At the same time, it puts a premium on your ability to create enough *unearned* income—in the form of pensions, E-bonds, insurance, investments, royalties, rents, etc.—to enable you to retire respectably at 65 *with* your Social Security.

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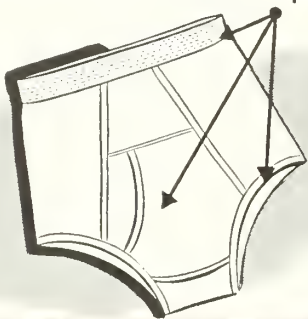
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What all of this adds up to is simply that you have to start planning young to retire on your Social Security.

For instance, it was found in Baltimore and Philadelphia that 66½ percent of the old couples who were getting along on their Social Security income were able to do so because they owned their own homes. It will always be tough to pay rent or meet a mortgage and eat too out of even the highest Social Security payments. But once you have an assured place to live, your Social Security income can stretch.

So, an important part of your plan for the future should be based on owning your home *free* and *clear* before you're 65. If your present mortgage payments will not be completed before you reach that age, try to step them up so the debt is completely paid by the time you reach retirement. Or arrange your savings, investments and life insurance so that you can meet rent or mortgage payments with them after you pass 65.

Most Americans own life insurance policies of one kind or another, many of which can be used to add sizeable amounts to retirement income. If you are carrying life insurance that will call for payments *by* you—instead of *to* you—after 65, give it another thought real soon. Practically all policies except term insurance can be changed to pay off in retirement.

This fact makes insurance a particularly useful aid because you can buy protection while your family is young, convert it into retirement income for yourself when you reach 65.

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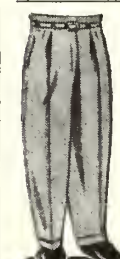
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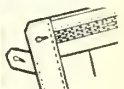


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One important rule: Don't indorse financial obligations of other people, even of close relatives, which might come due and be defaulted after you reach 65. One man of 70 is still working to pay off the debts incurred by the bankruptcy of his son-in-law. Of course, under Government rules the old man cannot collect his Social Security because he is earning more than \$50 per month to pay off the debt.

Even when Social Security payments do not allow full retirement, they do allow semi-retirement. In the past, restrictions on the amount of money the Government would let you earn (in covered employment) were severe, and retirement payments were lower than they are now. For these and other reasons, only about six out of ten people who were covered by Social Security actually collected their money. Today, under the new law, the benefits are much greater (average individual income \$43 per month; average couple income \$69 per month) and the work limitations have been slackened to allow a Social Security recipient to earn \$50 a month without losing his benefits (in noncovered employment the sky's the limit). An elderly couple can scrape along on \$119 per month (\$69 Social Security plus \$50 earned) even these days. If you think it can't be done, consult your local Department of Welfare. They'll prepare a more than adequate budget for two people to live on in any city in the country on \$119 per month.

As a matter of fact, a man and his wife over 65 can *each* earn \$50 a month in covered employment and collect benefits too, whether as a couple where the husband is covered, or as two individuals where both are covered.

Of course, earning \$50 per month is not exactly retiring. But it isn't exactly working, either. One 67-year-old barber we happen to know could not afford to retire under the old Social Security act, so he kept on working and earning \$150 per month plus tips — and, of course, paying his income tax and his Social Security tax. But when the new law went into effect, his benefits suddenly became worthwhile. He had enough credit with the Social Security Administration, he found, to draw \$57.50 per month.

He explained this to his boss, who was perfectly willing to cut his work-time to a point where he could earn precisely \$50 per month. His salary together with his Social Security income totals \$107.50 per month, more than enough to keep him respectably, especially since he is able to share the rent of his apartment with another man. Of course, his entire income is tax-

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It isn't only the fact that Social Security benefits have been increased that is enabling more people to retire with its help these days. A more important reason is the fact that many more people are eligible for retirement under the new law.

For instance, a man 65 or over before 1954 (like the policeman we mentioned) needs only six quarters of coverage to be eligible for old age benefits. He may have worked for several years before the new law went into effect without becoming eligible, when he may have needed as much as ten years of coverage. Now all he needs is a year-and-a-half (a quarter is three months) of covered employment and he can retire. *Even if he has no Social Security credits at all, if he can get a covered job for only 18 months, he can then sit back and collect from the Social Security Administration for the rest of his life.*

This is a temporary situation, especially beneficial to anyone you know who may be reaching 65 within the next three years. Ten years from now, a man of 65 will need twenty or more quarters of coverage in order to be eligible for old age benefits.

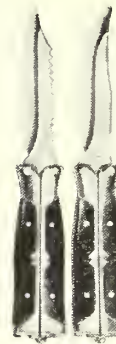
Under this temporary set-up, if a man now 65 or over gets a job with top Social Security coverage — \$300 a month — he can retire on an income of \$80 a month after 18 months. And his wife will be eligible for her \$40 when she is 65, just for being his wife.

Sometimes people retire when they are 65, according to plan. Then, a few months or years later, they're back looking for work. Just can't stand the inactivity. Of course, when they take a covered job paying more than \$50 a month, they lose their Social Security income — *but not permanently, only while they work.*

Many men and women over 65 who have lost their jobs collect their unemployment insurance but don't apply for Social Security. In fact, many people think that if one is collecting unemployment insurance, he is not entitled to old age benefits. This is not true. But, some states won't pay unemployment insurance to one who draws Social Security. Any person you know over 65 who is unemployed and who is covered by Social Security should go and check immediately to see if he can get Social Security and unemployment insurance at the same time. It will depend on the state unemployment insurance law, not the Social Security law. But, while we find unemployed wage-earners neglecting their Social Security, it is a rarity indeed to locate a rich man who is not collecting every dime he has coming from the Government. The big reason is that Social Security income is tax-free. The rich appreciate tax-free dollars so much that the head of one Social Security field office was able to say: "Part of the list of men getting Social Security old age benefits in this town reads like a *Who's Who* of the financial section." One hundred-twenty tax-free dollars per month may mean the equivalent of each \$400 per month of his regular taxed income to a rich man.

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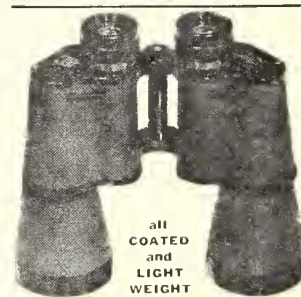
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At the present time, the Social Security trust fund is about 14 billion dollars—invested in interest-bearing Government securities. There is a large surplus, considerably larger than the experts had figured on. This was responsible for the fact that several times in the past the premium was not increased when it was supposed to have been. This surplus also laid part of the basis for the new 1950 Social Security law with its wider, greater benefits to more people.

No matter how tired you may feel tonight, chances are when you reach 65 you won't feel like retiring. Most of us don't. Surveys show that only about 5 percent of 65-year-olds who retire do so voluntarily; about 55 percent because they get fired ("too old for the job") and 40 percent for disability and other reasons. If we can, we usually keep on working.

Some people, and not as few as you think, never stop. There is a special pro-

vision in the new Social Security law which allows folks of 75 and over to make as much money as they can in covered employment and still collect their old age benefit. One group of more than a hundred 75-year-olds came in to collect under this new provision recently—they all worked for the same company. A firm in New York City has 26 men aged 75 and older on the full-time payroll. One man, now 94, worked as a traveling salesman until he was 90. Then his company made him office manager. "We worry too much when you're on the road," his boss told him. "We feel safer when you're here."

A woman of 84 was recently accredited as a beneficiary. "Can my mother collect a pension, too?" she asked. Turned out her mother was 104 but the answer was, regretfully, no. Mother wasn't entitled to benefits because she didn't happen to be the wife or the widow of an insured worker.

Some veterans of War II may not realize that a recent law sponsored by The American Legion has placed their war duty under Social Security, whether they had a Social

Security number or not.

Members of the Armed Forces in War II get coverage, for their periods of active service, equal to that of a man earning \$160 a month. Until this law was passed last year, war service was not covered, and "time lost" in War II tended to reduce the total benefits a man could build up during his life.

To receive such credit a veteran must have served at least 90 days. Dishonorable discharges do not receive such credit.

War II veterans with at least six calendar quarters (18 months) of active wartime service are insured, by this coverage alone, until at least July 1954, even if they are not covered by Social Security in their own work.

The chief effects of this law are to cover nearly all veterans temporarily, and to restore lost benefits of those who received no credit at all for war service though they were covered in their civilian work.

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with little children. This factor supplied one of the Legion's major motives for its sponsorship of war-service Social Security credits.

Determination of war service credits — and proof of war service — are settled at the time benefits are applied for. Which is another reason to make sure your discharge papers are in good order and kept with your valuable documents.

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3. Thus, the younger and wiser you are now, the more you can take advantage of this article — which is neither more nor less than a reminder that Social Security helps most those who help themselves *in advance*.

THE END

Nothing Personal, Sergeant

(Continued from page 15)

prisons Sergeant Gillis had seen in the movies—Mr. Pulver's mind was on something else.

"What's your first name?"

"Kenneth—Ken, they call me."

"Married?"

"Oh, no sir."

"Got a girl?"

"No sir, not yet — not serious, I mean."

"When you due back at the hospital?"

"Midnight."

"I could fix you up with a gal — you had more time. But maybe you —"

Three men walking abreast hailed Mr. Pulver. One of them, whom Mr. Pulver called Irving, thanked him for some favor involving a new Cadillac. Mr. Pulver introduced Sergeant Gillis to Irving and ignored the others. Irving said: "Pretty rough over there, huh?" Sergeant Gillis said: "Yessir, it is." All three nodded, looked embarrassed, and hurried on.

Mr. Pulver, standing in the canyon between sound stages that bulked like airplane hangars, glanced after Irving maliciously.

"That cheap chiseler," he said. "He makes thirty-five hundred a week — so he hounded me to get him a new Cad for list price. And how do you like the way they acted toward you, Ken?"

Sergeant Gillis blinked.

"Me? I didn't notice anything in particular."

"Didn't they look guilty?"

"Well — uh —"

"Sure they did. Those two guys with Irving used to be commies — for my dough, Stan Brant is still a commie. They got a guilty conscience. They hate you for it, Ken."

Unable to think of anything to say, the boy hobbled on beside Mr. Pulver. His leg was hurting worse and nausea spread

a set grin across his mouth. He did not understand Mr. Pulver. His host had bawled out Mr. Elkins, called Claire Hartnell names, sneered at this Irving guy and accused his pals of being commies. What was eating on Mr. Pulver?

"Hiyah, Unk. Where's Denning?"

"In the trailer, I guess. They just now took a break."

Mr. Pulver nodded and steered Sergeant Gillis across the treacherous floor of a sound stage. The boy had a confused impression that they had entered a huge cave, with a great many objects hanging perilously overhead and a maze of electric cables sprawled under foot.

The girl in the trailer was very beautiful.

"Oh, it's you," she said.

"Why sho', honey!" said Mr. Pulver.

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"Thanks."

Miss Denning wore make-up and a beige gabardine sports costume. She waved Sergeant Gillis to a divan in the capacious trailer, but her attention was coldly focused on Mr. Pulver.

"You dog, she said, "why didn't you make Hartnell do this? She's not working and I am. So why do I get slugged for it?"

"Oh, Hartnell's in the party, darling."

"Yeah? Who you trying to kid? I'm tired. I've had a hell of a day. Why didn't you —"

"Hold it, Abbie. This boy wants to thank you for such a warm welcome home from Korea."

Tossing her pony-mane of blond hair, Miss Denning looked at Sergeant Gillis.

"Oh, there's nothing personal about this, Sergeant," she said. "I'm very glad to meet you and stuff — it's not your fault." Then she glared at Mr. Pulver. "Mr. Ted Pulver fouled me up. And why? You scared of Hartnell?"

Mr. Pulver stopped smiling.

"Never mind Hartnell. Have you got a date with us or not?"

"Oh, let's not lose our tempers, shall we?"

"Gimme it — yes or no."

Miss Denning gave Mr. Pulver a stare expressive of angry loathing and turned to Sergeant Gillis.

"He's a big shot and a very tough guy," she said. "He knows I've got to go. The front office ordered me to go. Not that it's anything personal or stuff as far as you're concerned."

The boy felt his cheeks flushing feverishly. Embarrassment, like all emotions since his return, had an exaggerated physical effect.

"You don't have to go on my account, ma'am," he said. "I didn't know anything about this — it's all a big surprise to me and —"

"Hold it, Ken. It's my deal."

"Yessir, I know it is, but —"

Mr. Pulver silenced him with a downward motion of his hand. Mr. Pulver scowled at Miss Denning, his mustache drawn flat and bristly.

"I been of some help to you, I believe?"

"Why, sure, Ted — I didn't mean —"

"You want me to be a help or a hindrance?"

"Oh, for Pete's sake — I never said I wasn't going. *Must* we lose our tempers? I was just —"

Mr. Pulver's voice was quietly cruel.

"You were just beefing, sure. Well, I'm tired of being talked back to by movie actresses. Read the column tomorrow. Come on, Ken."

The boy looked at Abbie Denning. Her face had drained of blood. Fear had turned it sallow beneath the make-up.

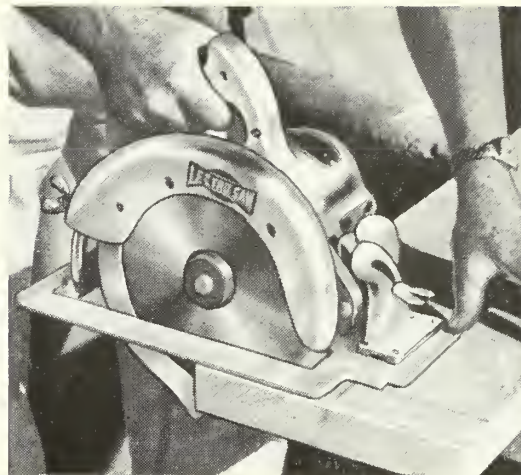
"It's okay, Miss," he said, miserably, "I'm sorry this had to happen on account of me. Fact is, I feel kind of tuckered myself and —"

His voice faded on him because Mr. Pulver was clumping down the trailer steps.

"Oh, no," the girl said gaspily, "the party's on. Ted — wait — no, look — you tell him to meet me at my car by the dressing rooms in fifteen — ten minutes. Please, soldier."

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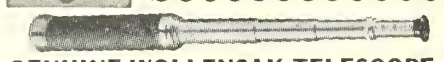
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"Well, okay," Sergeant Gillis said.

Mr. Pulver was waiting for him at the sound stage door.

"You commencing to catch on?" he said.

The boy still did not understand Mr. Pulver. Ignoring the question, he repeated what Abbie Denning had said.

"Okay. We'll wait ten minutes," Mr. Pulver agreed, "though I ought to take the hide off the silly little floosey. He looked at Sergeant Gillis for a moment, then added, "We'll go to Jimmy's office and you can rest that leg."

Moving back toward the studio executive offices with Mr. Pulver, the boy tried to think how he might escape. He wished he had never left the hospital. He did not want to go on a party with Mr. Pulver and Miss Denning. He was worried about the interview on the TV show which was to follow. But he remembered what Mrs. Ulrick, the Red Cross lady, had said about putting in a plug for the Blood Bank. And he didn't know how Captain Byars, the marine PRO, would take it if he bugged out on Mr. Pulver. A guy might get the officers sore and . . .

"Hey, Ted — for gosh sake, I been chasing all over the lot —"

"Yeah, Tommy?"

"It's all set! Hartnell's going to meet you at Romanoff's!"

"Okay."

Mr. Elkins looked hurt.

"Just okay? Hartnell hasn't turned out for a publicity stunt since —"

Mr. Pulver made an obscene noise.

"Oh, gee-ee!" he said mockingly. "Ain't she big-hearted. And ain't you both patriotic, though! Say, Ken, how's about giving him and her a couple of your medals?"

"Now, Ted, that's very unfair," Mr. Elkins said.

Mr. Pulver's shagginess, his bitter contempt set him apart from the sleek and mild Mr. Elkins. Just why this should be so or why Mr. Pulver assumed the right to needle everyone, Sergeant Gillis could not decide. It all seemed unreal — the studio, the people he had met, the tensions and the wrangling . . .

"Look, Ken — about your TV interview —?"

"Yessir?"

They were waiting for Mr. Elkins and Miss Denning near the main auto gate. It was dusk now and a steady stream of expensive cars owned by producers, directors and actors — the studio aristocrats who had the privilege of parking "on the lot" — moved through the gate. Studio cops had left their sentry boxes on either side to salute the great and powerful ones.

"What do you think of all this, Ken?"

"Well, it isn't like I thought it would be, Mr. Pulver — not exactly."

"For instance, Ken?"

"Well, I dunno exactly — but nobody seems to act very friendly — but maybe I shouldn't say that, because I've met just a few and —"

"Oh, for God's sake, Ken!"

"Huh?"

"Look at 'em. They're the people you boys are fighting and dying for. You think they're worth it?"

"We-ell —"

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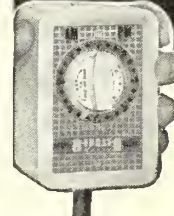
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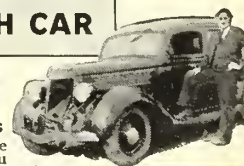
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Mr. Pulver steered Sergeant Gillis into the back seat with Miss Denning. Mr. Pulver got in front with Mr. Elkins.

"If you think I'm going to pose with Hartnell you're a dreamer," Miss Denning said.

"We don't want you in the picture at all, darling," Mr. Pulver said.

"Aw now, be fair—" Mr. Elkins said. "The studio wants a group shot, Ted — both girls and you with Sergeant Gillis."

"I won't pose with Hartnell."

"Be fair, Abbie. If Claire's willing, you should be."

Mr. Pulver turned and glowered at Miss Denning.

"You're younger but she's prettier," he said. "It'll be fun — showing each other up."

Miss Denning appealed to Sergeant Gillis. "Do you like Ted?" she asked, "can you bear him?"

"Be fair, Abbie. Don't put the kid on a spot," Mr. Elkins said.

While Sergeant Gillis was still trying to think what to say, Mr. Pulver spoke.

"Ken's just back from Korea, honey. Don't you want to ask him some intelligent questions? Like where is Korea and what did my last picture gross in Pusan?"

"Gee, aren't we clever!"

"Well, go on, ask Ken a question."

"All right, I will. Look, Ken, don't you think Ted is the worst stinker you ever met?"

"You sweet little fascist!"

"W-what did you call me?"

"Aw, be fair, Ted —"

Sergeant Gillis never did have to say what he thought of Mr. Pulver. The rest of the way to Beverly Hills an argument raged among Mr. Pulver, Miss Denning and Mr. Elkins. It seemed to be Mr. Pulver's contention that Abbie Denning was a fascist because her boy friend, Howard Brubin, was a secret nazi and had testified against something called the Hollywood Ten. Miss Denning angrily denied the charge and accused Mr. Pulver of being a communist. Mr. Elkins just wanted them both to be fair . . .

Their voices faded, merged into the drone of traffic and the flicker of lights. Sergeant Gillis was thinking: Wonder where my outfit is right now? Pete . . . Bongo . . . Abie . . . the Skipper? Arkansas, you hillbilly tramp, (they had said to him at Aid Station) you're a fool for luck. Or maybe you fell on that damn baynit a-purpose? Just kidding, Arkansas, but you really got a nice one, it is a ticket straight home, by air vac — home. Yeah, yeah — sure — home. The Mississippi levee, the rice fields in the bottoms, sort of like Korea, come to think of it . . .

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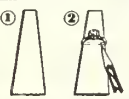
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"That was a quick brush, huh?" Mr. Pulver said.

"She'll be right back," Mr. Elkins said. "So will I, Ken. Excuse me—"

Mr. Pulver moved off to another table to greet three men and a pretty girl. Miss Denning had disappeared among several dozen drinkers at the bar.

Sergeant Gillis found himself alone with Mr. Elkins.

"Mike has good steaks, Ken," Mr. Elkins said. "Don't let the prices throw you. It all goes on my swindle sheet."

"Yessir, I'll have a steak, I guess," the boy said.

"Ted better watch the time. His show goes on at eight-thirty—and it's fifteen minutes into Hollywood and Vine."

Nudged by mention of his TV appearance, Sergeant Gillis decided he would have to ask Mr. Elkins about Ted Pulver. The boy felt his self-control wearing thin. His leg had cramped in the car, a danger signal, and now his stomach threatened hiccups.

"Uh—look, Mr. Elkins—" he said awkwardly, "I want to ask you a favor, please, sir?"

"Why, sure, Ken. You need some dough?"

"Oh, no sir, it ain't that. It's Mr. Pulver. I don't know what this is all about. I mean, I don't want to get up there on TV and be asked a lot of questions that are just sprung on me all of a sudden."

"Hasn't Ted briefed you?"

"No sir, he hasn't."

"That's very unfair. I'll get him—"

"Wait, Mr. Elkins—"

"Oh—sure."

"Tell me one thing—why does he want me on the TV? What's he driving at?"

Mr. Elkins' sleek, golf-bronzed face was suddenly almost human. Not like their faces, though the boy thought not real like theirs. The medic who dug me out of that hog-waller—"Take it easy, Mac. You ain't hurt too bad." The GI's who helped him carry me back to Aid Station, red-rimmed eyes in dirty, bearded faces and fight-soured frosty breath and their honest complaint: "Why the—don't you guys lay off this baynit stuff? You an' them—Turks—baynits!" The face of an Army doctor, the face of a nurse...

"Ted expects you to blast us, I'd say."

"Blast you?"

"Tell the truth. Say what you think of us."

"Oh. You mean, talk bitter?"

"That's it."

Sergeant Gillis thought that over while Mr. Elkins drank the rest of a double Scotch. Across the dining room Mr. Pulver had joined a group at the bar.

"How did Mr. Pulver get that way? Bitter."

Mr. Elkins carefully considered the point.

"Well, Ted was on the USO committee during the last one," he said, "you know—they sent show troupes overseas. It was pretty rugged, trying to persuade the stars to go. A few of them like Hope and Dietrich carried the load. But a lot of them just couldn't be bothered. I think that's what did it to Ted."

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The boy looked at Mr. Elkins in frank astonishment.

"Bitter just because of that, sir?"

"That — and maybe because he got a deferment. I don't know. My psychoanalyst says a guy who hates everybody really hates himself. Anyway —"

"Hey, Ken!"

"Yessir?"

"Come here, will ya? Somebody I want you to meet."

Sergeant Gillis slid painfully out of the restaurant booth, ashamed of his cane and the attention Mr. Pulver had focused on him. A wave of nausea tightened his throat. He felt very sick.

"Ken, old boy, I want you to meet Justin O'Connell. He's the hottest movie star in town!"

"Howdy, sir."

"Hi-yah, Sergeant. Have a drink?"

"No, thanks. I don't use it."

"I drink but I don't use it either!"

This got a laugh from the group at the bar. Mr. O'Connell was a tall, pretty-faced young man. He nodded at Sergeant Gillis, a gesture of kingly dismissal, and turned back to his drinking companions.

Sergeant Gillis started to move away, but Mr. Pulver's voice halted him.

"What's wrong, O'Connell?"

"Wrong? Why, not a thing, Ted —"

"I thought you'd have something to say to Ken — just as one veteran to another?"

"No, I don't believe I have —"

"Aw, now, don't be bashful. Look him in the eye. You can do that much — or can you?"

"Go away, Ted."

Mr. Pulver laughed nastily. A man said "Oh, get lost, Pulver." Claire Hartnell turned from a neighboring group and tugged at Mr. Pulver's sleeve. She said "Come on, Ted. Let's eat." Mr. O'Connell, the movie star, looked fixedly at his cock-tail.

"It's quite a story, Ken," Mr. Pulver said, "About O'Connell in the last one. O'Connell was ki-yi in the last one. O'Connell, I say — weren't you ki-yi?"

Mr. O'Connell glanced around.

"Look who's talking," he said. "A guy

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that wasn't even in uniform, and he talks."

"Pay no attention, chum," said the husky man at O'Connell's elbow, "he's got sense, he'll shut up."

This remark amused Mr. Pulver.

"You'll die when you hear this, Ken," he said. "O'Connell got nervous in the service. So he bribed a nut-doctor in Beverly to teach him how to make like a Section 8. I know the doc's name — and he knows I know it —"

"That's a lie!"

A lot of people started talking at once — O'Connell, his husky friend, Mr. Pulver, Miss Hartnell, several other women.

Sergeant Gillis listened with growing bewilderment. What did it matter if O'Connell was ki-yi? O'Connell knew it and all his friends knew it and, like they say in Korea, God knows all the ki-yis. The Army wouldn't have sent O'Connell

to combat. Good noncons would have got on to him in training or they'd have washed him out in the staging screen. Didn't Mr. Pulver and all these people know that? What were they beating their gums about —

"You won't apologize, Ted?"

"For the truth that I can prove? Are you nuts — or just pretending again?"

"All right, Willie."

The movie star's bodyguard swung before Mr. Pulver had a chance to defend himself. The sound of the blow telegraphed to Sergeant Gillis. Busted jaw, he said to himself, even as Mr. Pulver staggered back, crumpled and went down.

In the brief silence that followed, Sergeant Gillis looked at Willie, rubbing his knuckles, and then at the faces of the men and women standing around Mr. Pulver.

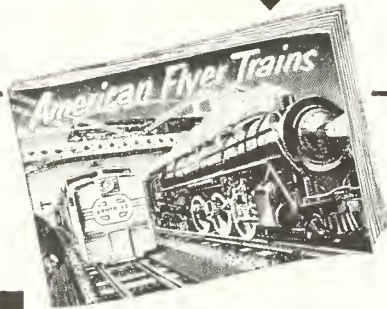
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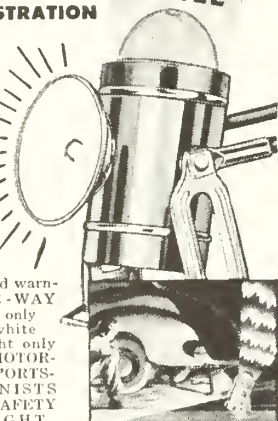
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Sergeant Gillis turned to O'Connell's bodyguard.

"You hadn't oughta hit a man thataway, Mister," he said gently.

"Yuh? Which way do you advise?"

"Well, something like this—"

He poked Willie in the throat with the rubber-tipped end of his cane. The blow was deceptively casual, but it landed with great force on the Adam's apple. Willie gasped and choked, fighting for air.

"Keep it in mind, Mister," the boy said.

Mr. Elkins grabbed Sergeant Gillis by the arm.

"Trouble, Ken. Let's get out of here."

"Oughtn't we do something for Mr. Pulver?"

"He'll be all right. They're taking him into the lounge."

"I guess I better go see if he's okay."

People were moving out of the bar and toward the street. They left pretending to themselves and one another that they had just recalled urgent business elsewhere. By the time Sergeant Gillis and Mr. Elkins reached the lounge, a doctor had been found in the crowd. He was working on Mr. Pulver.

"Anything I can do, sir?" the boy asked.

Mr. Pulver only stared at him vaguely.

"Ted's going to the hospital," the doctor said, "he feels pretty sick."

Sergeant Gillis nodded and turned away. Yeah, he's pretty sick, the boy thought, they're all pretty sick. It's a good thing Pop and Mom and Sis never met such people. They won't believe me when I say it, but Korea is a whole lot healthier than this place.

"Now we go, Ken," Mr. Elkins said.

"No TV show for you tonight—and I'm driving you back to the hospital."

"Yessir, thanks!"

As he walked into the fresh night air, Sergeant Gillis carried the cane under his arm. He felt much better, almost well. He even walked several paces without dragging his left foot. Then his leg started to hurt a little, so he used the cane. But the sickness in his stomach had gone away. THE END



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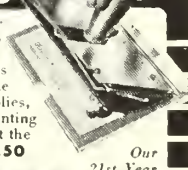


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to save him from death by gangrene. Only three weeks later he landed in California, on Christmas Eve.

The news leaked out that a boy was returning from Korea with all his limbs missing, and a story about Bob, using his name, went on the wire services. A reporter in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania read the story on the press tape and phoned Bob's mother at Middleburg, Pa. She had not heard the extent of her son's injuries. Bob had dictated a cheery letter to her from Japan that he was wounded and he had telephoned her from California and told her to keep her chin up.

The reporter on the phone brought Clara Smith the first word that her son had lost all of his limbs. In the middle of the conversation Mrs. Smith fainted and a neighbor — another Mrs. Smith — finished the interview. It was not a cheery Christmas in the little white Smith home on Main Street in Middleburg.

Bob was flown to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he spent all last winter, all last spring and all last summer. He was still there as these words were written.

That same Christmas week the Pennsylvania Department of The American Legion began a campaign to collect funds for the young man who in a few short months as a soldier had lost all his limbs, and whose mother was on relief.

A TV show in Pittsburgh was dedicated to the raising of a Robert L. Smith Fund. Drew Pearson appeared on the show and broadcast appeals for donations.

Before the first of the year a tremendous outpouring of money — pennies, dimes, dollars, hundreds of dollars, thousands of dollars — began to come into the headquarters of The American Legion Department of Pennsylvania.

More than \$60,000 came in, in direct response to the TV show. Additional contributions were received as a result of newspaper publicity and individuals passing the word and taking up collections. Several men sent in their personal checks for a thousand dollars. Contributions came from every state in the Union and from Hawaii, Canada and Mexico.

Local newspapers collected quarters and dollars from their readers. School children pooled their ice-cream money. A number of small gifts came from children who were disabled. Other men and boys by the name of Robert Smith all over the U. S. sent in money to Bob Smith's fund.

By the middle of last summer the total amount which had been sent in voluntarily for Bob Smith amounted to more than \$120,000.

The letters from the people who gave to the Bob Smith fund were all remarkably similar. They told him that nothing could ever repay him for what he had lost in defense of his country and democracy, and that what they were sending was just a token. Amputees and other people with disabilities told him to have faith in himself and in God, and sent along a little money too.

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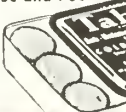
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A 10-year-old girl in Sharon, Pa., earned \$10.70 by making pot holders and selling them to neighbors. She sent the money to the Bob Smith fund.

Since Bob went to Walter Reed Hospital a few fellow citizens have showed up with ideas for sharing Bob's "good fortune." But he is not apt to buy the Brooklyn Bridge. The Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia is voluntarily administering the fund in trust without cost to The American Legion or to Bob Smith. This move was inspired by Clifford A. Harbough, an official of the bank and a junior vice commander of the Philadelphia County Legion organization.

Governor John S. Fine, of Pennsylvania, and Harold E. Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania are two of the Legionnaires who agreed to serve on the advisory committee which will represent The American Legion in the handling of the fund.

As Bob Smith learned to use artificial limbs—first one for his right hand—he was acutely aware that while the dramatic nature of his injury has been responsible for the gifts he has received, there are already 85,000 casualties of the Korean war in whose name no such funds will ever be collected, and for whom not even a GI Bill exists.

For himself Bob wants a home, a way to keep himself occupied, and he wants his mother to be free from financial worry for the rest of her life.

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Bob hopes that there will be a remainder in the fund that may be used to aid other persons. He says, "There must be a lot of people who are worse off than I am."

He has been an excellent patient at Walter Reed Hospital, calm and philosophical. He quickly learned to put the hook device attached to his right arm to many uses of the human hand. He can hold a glass, light and smoke a cigarette.

Both Bob and his mother have accepted his misfortune as an act of fate. The day after Christmas 1950, when Bob arrived at the Walter Reed Hospital, The American Legion Department of Pennsylvania furnished a plane that flew Bob's mother to him. Commander McCracken and Pennsylvania Adjutant Edward A. Linsky accompanied her.

Mother and son seemed to be terribly on guard against distressing each other. There were no tears. When Mrs. Smith entered the hospital room she looked at Bob. He looked at her. They both essayed a smile. Bob tried to raise himself on his

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Soon Bob will be coming out of Walter Reed Hospital. He will be financially secure, but armless and legless. He may need repeated operations on his stumps. He has matured beyond his years in the last twelve months, and is ready for the future. But as these words are written those front upper teeth have not been replaced, and he is sensitive about that.

THE END

How a Housewife Routed the Reds

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began to roll out. People flocked to sign. Several meetings of the "All-America Committee" were held in the Baker residence and out of these grew a desire to make a positive, an American gesture. The result was plans for a big parade.

The South Buffalo Business Men's Association and many patriotic groups gave their support. As a result on August 15th last year 2,500 persons marched through Buffalo's First Ward with banners, posters, flags and pennants. Mothers wheeled baby-carriages; hands played, veterans paraded; cars and bicycles were decorated; teenagers helped letter cards.

The cards read: "Let's Give Americanism a Shot in the Arm; Let's Fight Communism on the Home Front." "Don't Just Talk Anti-Communism, Act, Sell Democracy — the Best Product in the World." "Arm Yourself with God and Your Flag." "Let's Show them We're Fighting Mad." "United We Stick, Divided We're Stuck." "Are You Red, or Red, White and Blue?"

The parade wound up with a rally in Lanigan Park. It was estimated that 12,000 persons attended the rally or watched the parade. City and county officials, veterans' spokesmen and others gave short patriotic talks.

"I guess I just got my Irish up," she said. "I made up my mind that if they had the nerve and gall to come into our Project, we could show them how we felt about it. We were a small group, but everybody worked hard. We didn't have any money, and none of us ever held public office. We wanted to keep it on a high plane — pro instead of anti — and we wanted it to be a grass-roots, non-political, spiritually-based effort. We enlisted the support of priests, ministers and rabbis. Democrats and Republicans worked together."

The result of the rally was that the whole city was alerted to the petitions which were being pushed largely by the communist-line Labor Youth League. And the commies who had promised to come back to the Project with more petitions and to make a collection, never reappeared.

Thanks to Jo Baker and her loyal friends and supporters the Stockholm Peace petitions in Buffalo were a good deal of a flop.

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— RICHARD ARMOUR

END OF THE LINE

Little Harvey approached his mother who had just returned from a shopping trip.

"Hey, Mom," he said, "you know that vase in the living room that's been handed down from generation to generation?"

"Yes," replied his mother. "What about it?"

"Well, I guess it won't be handed down any more, Mom," explained Harvey. "This generation just dropped it."

— F. G. KERNAN

CHANGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Most Boy Scouts grow up and become girl scouts.

— MARY ALKUS

PRESCRIPTION

A native of a remote section of this country walked into a druggist's one morning with a huge black bottle and asked that it be filled with sulphur and whiskey.

"This is the way I always have it fixed up," he said to the druggist. "I have sulphur up to there." He put his finger about a half inch from the bottom of the bottle. "And then the rest I have all whiskey," he

continued. "And this here is the way I use it. When I want a dose of sulphur, I just shake her up before I drink — and when I don't want no sulphur, I don't shake her. See!"

— DAN BENNETT

RECEDING HAIRLINE

*I've reached that "stage" in life
When I enter a barber shop
I still give instructions about the sides
But NEVER mention the top.*

— JOSEPH P. KERVIN, JR.

AND THE ROOSTER CROWED

Two Marines on leave from their base at San Diego, Calif., were traveling through Arizona by auto late one afternoon last summer. When their radiator boiled near an Indian mission station, they walked to the mission to get some water.

After the missionary in charge heard of their trouble he insisted that they stay for supper. "Kill a couple of chickens," he told his Indian cook, and soon appetizing odors were wafted through the rooms. Just as the host and his guests sat down to supper the telephone rang.

"It's a sick call," the missionary said, "I'll be back in a half hour. You boys go ahead eat."

The chicken was delicious and the Marines couldn't resist. When the mis-

sionary returned only well-picked chicken bones were left.

After a makeshift supper for himself the missionary took his guests on a tour of the grounds. They inspected the little chapel and four-room school. Then they walked to the back of the mission to view the setting sun. When they passed the chicken house, a lone rooster began to crow loudly.

"What's wrong with that rooster?" asked one of the visitors. "Why's he crowing at this time of day?"

The missionary didn't answer for a moment. Then he said, "You'd crow too, if you had two sons in the Marines!"

— DONALD MCCARTHY



"George, he's lied about his age again!"

GRATITUDE

For many years a mining company out west employed a Chinese cook, and one evening after an unusually good dinner the superintendent decided to raise his wages. The next pay day the Chinaman noted the extra money in his envelope.

"Why you pay me more?" he asked the superintendent.

"Because you have been such a good cook all these years," replied his boss.

After thinking it over for a while the Chinaman said, "You have been cheating me long time, eh?"

— AL SPONG

UNDER WATER

Lukewarm, cold or hot —

*The choice of shower, I'm
Convinced, depends on what
Is running at the time.*

— S. H. DEWHURST

THE HONEYMOON IS OVER

The train was about to pull out of the station when suddenly a man ran out on the platform, jumped on the train, threw several suitcases into a berth and then jumped off the train again and ran down the platform.

"Have I got time to say goodbye to my wife?" he yelled as he passed the conductor.

"I can't tell," replied the conductor. "That all depends on how long you've been married."

— DAVE CASTLE



"Hard day?"



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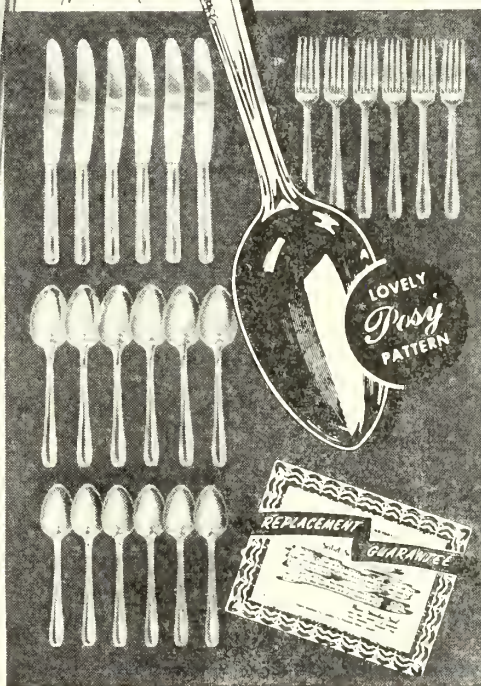
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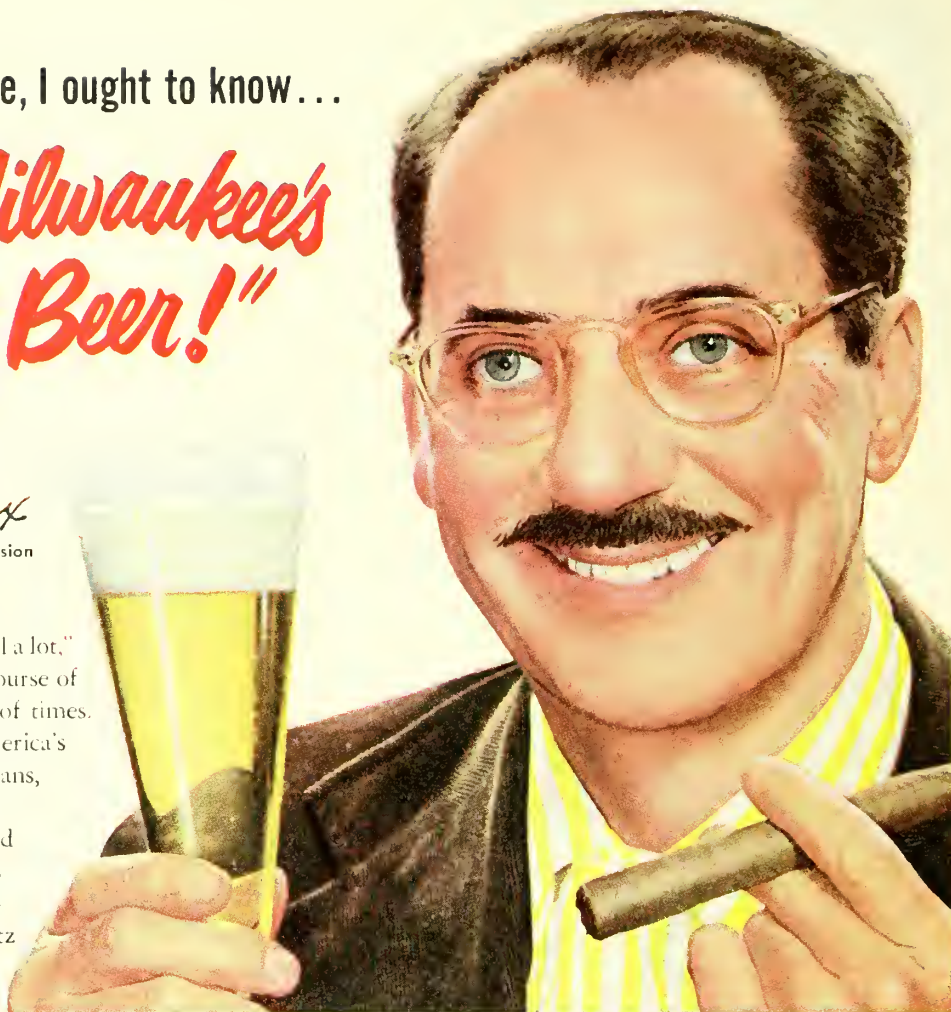
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